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Guelph student worries family could be sent back to Somalia

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

Hassan Mohamed was only two when his family settled into Dadaab refugee camp in northern Kenya, fleeing the civil war that was ravaging Somalia.

He left in 2012 and came to Toronto as a student, but his family remains in the camp, "living in real terror," Mohamed said as UN refugee agency UNHCR pleads with the Kenyan government to keep Dadaab open.

"Closing that camp and sending people back in Somalia is like throwing them into a burning fire," Mohamed said Tuesday. "These refugees are no lesser victims of al-Shabab."

Hassan Mohamed
CONTRIBUTED

Leaders in Kenya ordered Dadaab closed and more than 500,000 refugees relocated in the wake of an April 2 attack that killed nearly 150 students at Garissa University College. Officials suspect members of Islamist group al-Shabab are hiding in the camp, but closing it would cause "extreme humanitarian and practical consequences," UNHCR said.

Mohamed hopes to see more security instead of drastic action at Dadaab, a place he holds dear.

"That camp raised me and made me who I am today," said the third-year University of Guelph accounting and computer student. "I don't think closing it down will solve Kenya's security problems."

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Prepare for Modi-mania

T.O. RESIDENTS SPEAK

Indian PM's visit energizes South-Asian community

It's not often that thousands of people line up for hours to see a bespectacled man with a grey beard. Or hang on his every word for almost an hour and then chant his name in unison.

It happened at New York's storied Madison Square Garden in September and again at Sydney's sprawling Olympic Park in November.

Now Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to unleash the same Modi-mania in Toronto on Wednesday evening when he takes the stage at the Ricoh Coliseum.

"This is quite unprecedented … this kind of excitement," said Kasi Rao of the National Alliance of Indo-Canadians, the group organizing the event.

Within days of Modi's appearance being announced, all the free tickets were gone — and the phones kept ringing.

The visit, said Rao, is a milestone for the two countries and for the Indo-Canadian community. It represents a transformative moment: this is the first bilateral visit by an Indian prime minister in more than four decades.

But the openness with which Modi is tackling "India's social and economic challenges … in many ways makes him more appealing than even a rock star," said Rao.

The 64-year-old Modi, one of India's most divisive politicians, touched down in Ottawa on Tuesday evening to start his three-day tour with other stops in Toronto and Vancouver. He will meet Prime Minister Stephen Harper and heads of banks and will attend official banquets.

The highlight, however, will be connecting with the Indian diaspora, which has great expectations of economic reforms in the subcontinent, where Modi is hailed as a dynamic and successful leader who helped make Gujarat, the state he ruled for 12 years, an economic powerhouse.

It will be a remarkable welcome for the man who was denied a visa to Canada — and other countries, including the U.S. — for the past 12 years.

Ottawa defended the ban by citing a provision in the Immigration and Refugee Protection Act that bars suspected human-rights abusers. In 2002, when Modi was the chief minister of Gujarat, more than 1,000 people died in communal riots in the state. Most of the dead were Muslim.

8,000

The number of supporters expected to pack the Ricoh Coliseum to hear Modi speak.

Modi has always denied involvement in the violence, and India's Supreme Court has said there was no case to bring against him.

The genesis of this extraordinary turnaround and rock-star status for Modi lies in his election in a landslide last May, said Kanta Murali, a political-science professor at the University of Toronto.

"It came on the back of an economic slowdown (in India), on the back of a previous administration that had essentially been dysfunctional, was beset by corruption scandals," she said, adding he sold a message of strong leadership, economic change and good governance.

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Minister of National Defence Jason Kenney walks with Prime Minister of India Narendra Modi as he arrives in Ottawa for a state visit on Tuesday. JUSTIN TANG/THE CANADIAN PRESS

DIPLOMACY

Politics behind the visit

Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi is expected to achieve key breakthroughs during his visit to Canada:

Uranium

It is likely that Modi will clinch a fuel-supply agreement with Cameco, Canada's biggest uranium producer.

Business pact

Indian and Canadian negotiators were working overtime to iron out differences in a long-stalled foreign-investment protection pact.

Investment

The Indian prime minister is scheduled to meet Canadian bank and pension-fund managers in Toronto in efforts to attract capital for infrastructure development in the subcontinent.

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VIJAYANTEE RAMKUMAR

"This is a once-in-a-lifetime event … to hear the man who has the ability to transform India. I want to see him in person; I want to hear what he has to say. I have immense respect for him and his commitment to protect the environment. Hopefully, there can be a better and more engaged relationship between Canada and India."

BUDHENDRA DOOBAY

"I think India has, after a very long time, a great, responsible and honest leader. (Modi) has risen to fame wherever he has gone … the U.S., Germany, France. He has wowed people because of his honesty. Everyone is looking forward to seeing India develop from the corrupt state it was to one of the leading ones in the world."

NIKITA KAUSHIK

"I've been watching him on TV for almost two years, and he sounds honest and caring and he speaks well. I admire him because he cares for children. I am going (to the event) because I want to know what he is doing for India … how he will improve lives of the people there."

PRABHAT SOOD

"I watched him at Madison Square Garden and hoped that he would visit Canada, too. I'm a great admirer of how humble he is, his patriotism, his dedication and love for cleanliness and leadership. He is patient and has a no-nonsense attitude toward work. In the past few months, he has built great relations with other countries. He is a visionary."

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Wanted: Better detour routes

TRANSPORTATION

Cyclists feeling construction crunch across downtown

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

It's common for drivers in Toronto to complain about construction delays, but lately cyclists are also feeling the pain.

Whether it's track repair at College and Spadina, ongoing work on the Martin Goodman trail or the construction of the new TTC yard at Leslie Barns, the city's cycling corridors are feeling the construction crunch.

Toronto's cycling manager, Jacquelyn Hayward Gulati, said the city has planned official detours and posted signage along affected routes to help.

"The signs are pretty easy to miss," countered Cycle Toronto director Jared Kolb, who feels the city should be doing more to lessen the impact of construction on local cyclists.

Kolb said he's seen people ride past the signs on College Street, only to find themselves in the middle of a work zone. And the detour route for the Martin Goodman trail has itself been interrupted by a separate construction project.

With the Pan Am Games looming, Kolb said more bike-lane closures are on their way, including a two-month interruption on Harbord Street, east of St. George.

"There needs to be some leadership out of city hall to streamline the process and create safe options for cyclists around these construction zones."

Rather than simply offer a suggested detour, Kolb wants the city to establish temporary contra-flow bike lanes on side streets whenever a major cycling route is interrupted by construction.

> **This is only going to keep coming, so we need to get ahead of it.**
> Jared Kolb

Gulati said the city follows guidelines for signage and detours laid out in the Ontario Traffic Manual.

Still, she acknowledged the policy "doesn't address some of the issues specific to Toronto, like streetcar tracks or high-volume cycling lanes."

For example, the traffic manual suggests cyclists should dismount and walk their bikes on the sidewalk past construction.

While that may work in other cities, Gulati said it's not an option in downtown Toronto, where the sidewalks are full of pedestrians.

"We need to ... provide additional guidance to the policy."

Don't go this way, go that way. A cyclist rides past a detour sign on College Street on Tuesday. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

IN BRIEF

Driver's medical condition led to school bus crash, police say

Police say a school bus driver's medical condition led him to swerve onto the curb of a residential street in Brampton.

Investigators say none of the 20 or so high-school students on the bus were hurt in the 7 a.m. crash, but the driver sustained minor injuries. They say the bus struck two parked vehicles and veered off the road, hitting an electrical box and knocking out power to several buildings in the area.

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Elderly man dies; pinned between vehicle and tree

Police say a man has died after being pinned between a vehicle and a tree in Vaughan.

Police say they believe the 79-year-old was trying to roll a broken-down vehicle on a property when he lost control of it.

He was pronounced dead at the scene. His name has not been released.

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Shifting gears on speed limits

A proposal that would make it easier to lower the speed limit on Toronto residential streets is about to be considered by city council. As the city gets set to debate how fast is too fast, other cities around the world have already found ways to put the brakes — or not — on speed limits. **Luke Simcoe/Metro**

ISTOCK

1 EDMONTON

In 2010, Edmonton ran a pilot project where the speed limit in six residential communities was reduced to 40 km/h. The lower limits had little impact on the number or severity of crashes, but residents approved of the changes and the city has since made the reductions permanent in some areas.

2 SOUTH DAKOTA

Politicians in the Midwest state recently decided to raise the speed limit on interstate highways from 75 mph (120 km/h) to 80 mph (129 km/h). The move took effect April 1, but it is being investigated by the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, which is concerned the higher limit may be dangerous for commercial trucks.

3 NEW YORK

Mayor Bill de Blasio has been a proponent of lower speed limits, and the city's council voted last year to reduce the limit on residential streets from 30 mph (48 km/h) to 25 mph (40 km/h).

"There is no question this will save lives," de Blasio said of the change.

The Big Apple has also created neighbourhood slow zones, where the limit is further reduced to 20 mph (32 km/h) and streets are outfitted with traffic-calming measures.

4 QUEBEC

The province has established criteria for municipalities to consider when reducing the residential speed limit from 50 km/h to 30 km/h, including the number of lanes and width of the road.

5 COPENHAGEN

Renowned as one of the safest cities for pedestrians and cyclists, the Danish capital has some streets where the speed limit is a mere 15 km/h and motorists are required to yield to pedestrians.

6 LONDON

While many cities have focused on reducing speed limits in residential areas, Transport for London started a pilot project in March focusing on arterial roads. For the next 18 months, speed limits on so-called "red routes," main roads that carry one-third of the city's traffic, will be reduced to 20 mph (32 km/h).

7 STOCKHOLM

In a 2010 partnership with Volkswagen, the city had a photo-radar contest in which people who obeyed the speed limit along a popular stretch of road were entered into a lottery to win the fines generated by speeding scofflaws.

The experiment resulted in a 22 per cent decrease in average speed and one lucky motorist received a cheque for 20,000 krona ($3,000).

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A poll shows 58 per cent of people still think the UPX fare price is too high. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Public unhappy over train fares

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Most feel cost of ride just too much: Survey

The new train service between the airport and Union Station hasn't launched yet. But it appears that Torontonians are already recovering from the sticker shock of what many called sky-high fares when they were introduced last year.

A poll by Forum Research shows that outrage over the cost of the Union Pearson Express (UPX) has dropped since December, when Metrolinx released the fare structure.

But 58 percent of Torontonians still think the train is too expensive. That's fewer than the 69 per cent who objected to the price last December.

The UPX, which will operate every 15 minutes in both directions, will cost $27 for a regular adult ticket. But Metrolinx expects most Toronto-area users to pay only $19, by using a Presto card. Forum Research president Lorne Bozinoff thinks Metrolinx has been somewhat successful in conveying that the airport train will be a more luxurious experience than public transit.

"The public has warmed up a little to it, but I think there's still a long way to go," he said.

"It's still a substantial number saying it's too expensive."

So far, though, the UPX is just an idea on paper for the public. Acceptance of the prices will come once people have a chance to actually ride it, he said.

"Gridlock is getting noticeably worse in the last five years. As an alternative, the UPX might become a more attractive alternative," Bozinoff said.

The latest poll, conducted last Tuesday and Wednesday, showed 32 per cent thought the fare was "about the right amount," compared with only 23 per cent in December. The poll indicates that the majority of Torontonians are not very or not at all likely to use the train, which is supposed to begin running before the Pan Am Games this summer.

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EMPLOYEES VOTE

Police ratify four-year contract

Members of the Toronto Police Association have overwhelmingly ratified a four-year contract that includes salary increases but claws back the lucrative sick pay benefit for new recruits.

More than 3,800 uniform and civilian employees voted 92.5 per cent in favour of the 2015-2018 deal that includes a cumulative pay increase of 8.64 per cent. The TPA announced the results of the mail-in vote Tuesday in a notice sent to police divisions across the city.

The wage hike for about 7,000 employees will boost their salaries by 2.75 per cent this year, followed by 1.95 next year and 1.90 and 1.75 per cent in the final two years.

The base salary for a Toronto police first class constable will grow to $98,450 by 2018, though an officer receiving maximum retention pay — an entitlement police retained — would receive $107,312.

92.5%

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Benefits add 27 per cent to the total cost of each officer, 2014 police figures show.

The deal, reached last month between the union and the Toronto Police Services Board — also eliminates a longstanding perk for new recruits that allowed police employees to bank up to 18 sick days a year.

Existing members retain the benefit, which costs the service about $12 million annually when employees quit or retire. Phasing out the banked sick pay entitlement was a key factor in the 2009 garbage strike.

The change will reduce the city's liability costs by $140-million over the next five years, said Councillor Shelley Carroll (open Shelley Carroll's policard), one of the board's two representatives on the negotiating committee.

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Virtual reality at Hot Docs

TECHNOLOGY

Viewers can be immersed in documentaries with headsets

Deborah Hernandez
For Metro

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Hot Docs Film Festival is bringing it all to your fingertips, and eyeballs, screening four of this year's selections in virtual reality. Viewers can simply slip on a headset and be immersed in the world of the documentary.

Elizabeth Radshaw, a spokeswoman for Hot Docs, said the decision to include virtual reality documentaries is all about allowing audiences to experience the story in an entirely different way.

"It's a really beautiful and intense experience," Radshaw said.

Hot Docs viewers will be able to use two types of virtual reality headsets — the Oculus Rift, used here by Joseph Ellsworth, or Samsung's Gear Virtual Reality. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

"When I first tried it, I had to sit down. You're in this immersive field and you have so much control in how the story unfolds."

Joseph Ellsworth, a Hot Docs volunteer, said the technology is rapidly advancing, which makes virtual reality films more and more powerful.

For instance, new developments in Oculus Rift's technology allow you to turn your head in any direction with a smooth transition while still watching. That means people are less likely to experience motion sickness, somewhat of a common problem.

> **When I first tried it, I had to sit down. You have so much control in how the story unfolds.**
> Elizabeth Radshaw

"When you watch TV, the screen is a window into another world," Ellwsworth said. "But virtual reality erases that division and gives you a strong sense of presence within the world you're immersed in."

The virtual reality documentaries will be showcased at the Isabel Bader Theatre from April 24 to May 1, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Hot Docs is North America's largest documentary film festival, held annually in Toronto. This year, it runs from April 23 to May 3.

IN BRIEF

Man injured after glass falls from King St. condo

Glass fell from the top of a King Street West condo building near Spadina Avenue Tuesday afternoon and injured one man on the street.

Police were called for glass on the street in front 478 King St. W. just after noon. It had fallen from the broken glass front of the balcony of a top-floor unit of the condo building above Weslodge Saloon restaurant.

They found a 29-year-old man there who was bleeding from the top of the head.

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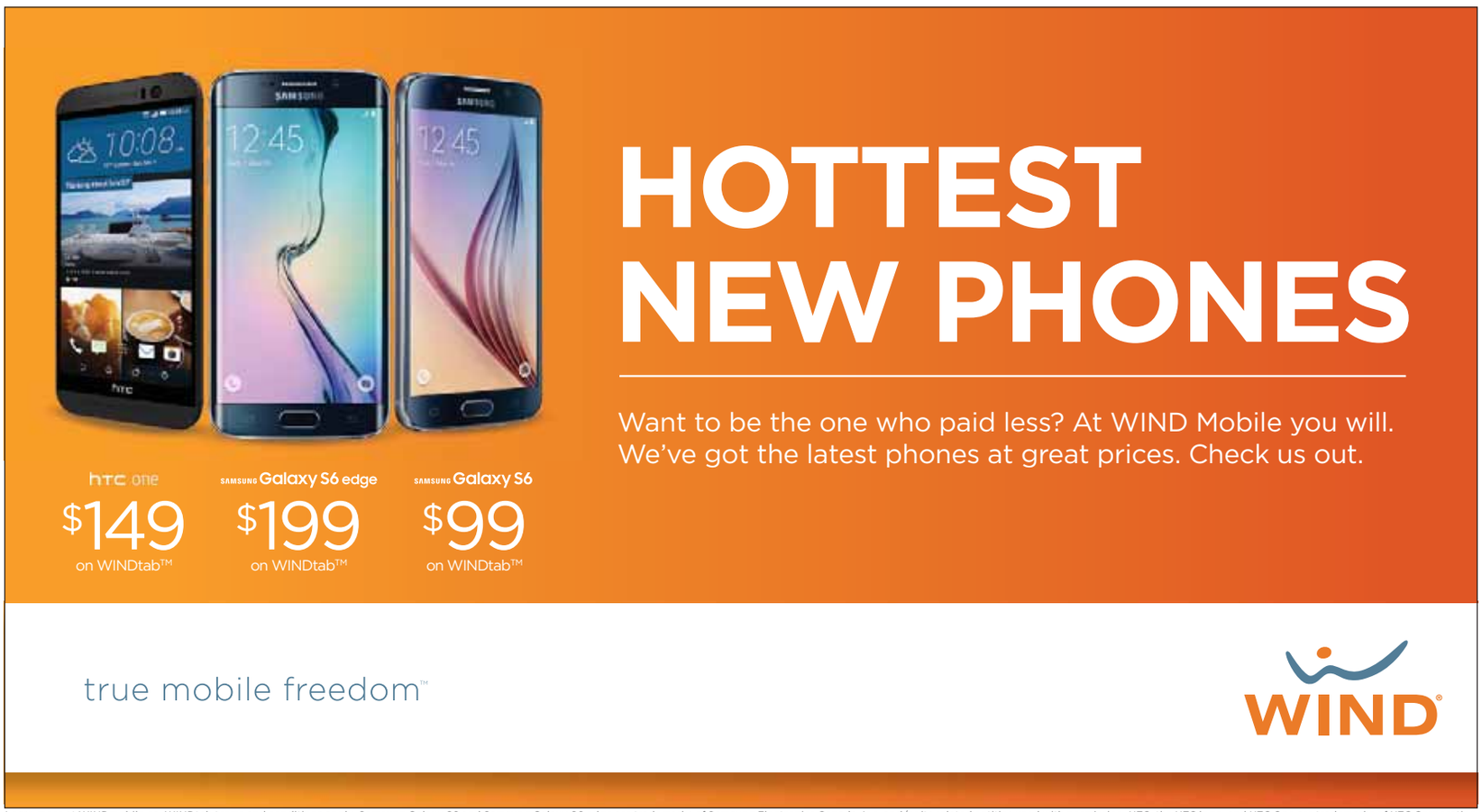
Ajax councillor reinstated to his seat

Ajax Coun. Renrick Ashby has been reinstated to his council seat after a judge overturned his removal for filing an incomplete campaign financial statement.

Ashby will return to council with a clean slate after the town's integrity commissioner cleared him of two separate Code of Conduct complaints last week. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE



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Spreading love, smiles with Moxie

Moxie gets kisses, head scratches and smiles when she spends the day at SickKids hospital. The therapy dog and her owner, Carolyn Robinson, volunteer there, visiting kids to lift their spirits, as part of a program run by St. John Ambulance. The SickKids Foundation captured a day in Moxie's life from her point of view, strapping a GoPro to her back.

These are some of the moments recorded.

JESSICA SMITH CROSS/METRO

1 Moxie's day begins — A patient reaches down for a scratch between Moxie's ears.

2 Cuddles for everyone — Moxie gets a hug and smile from her new friend.

3 Making the rounds — Moxie jumps up for a comfortable spot on a bed.

4 Love, Moxie — This patient got an autograph.

5 Furry and irresistable — Not even hospital staff can resist Moxie's charms.

6 Time for a snooze — Moxie's tuckered out at the end of a long day.

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Sex ed protests growing

EDUCATION

Conservative groups fuel opposition, minister says

Conservative groups are fuelling the vocal opposition to Ontario's new sex-education curriculum, Liberal Education Minister Liz Sandals said Tuesday as thousands of people protested outside the legislature.

The protesters' ranks swelled from a couple of hundred at a similar rally in February to several thousand on Tuesday. In that time, said Sandals, the opposition to the sex-ed curriculum has become overwhelmingly Conservative.

"The correspondence that I received initially on this issue was very much parents who might have been misinformed about the details of the curriculum, but who were genuinely concerned," she said.

"But the last week or two, the correspondence I've been receiving from some of the groups that are out there organizing the protest have turned into, 'We have to fight the Liberal curriculum because the Liberals didn't consult with Conservative groups.'"

> **It's not fair for my child to be confused.**
> Amina Yonis

The sex-ed curriculum was last updated in 1998, before smartphones were ubiquitous or sexting had been invented.

Under the changes, Grade 3 students will learn about same-sex relationships, kids in Grades 4 and up will learn more about the dangers of online bullying, while the dangers of sexting will come in Grade 7.

Parents were not consulted enough before the curriculum was set in stone, protesters said. Their concerns about the curriculum ranged from material that was being taught too early to saying children should not be taught about same-sex relationships and different gender identities.

"I will be the first one to pull them out of the class because it's not fair for my religion and it's not fair for my child to be confused," said Amina Yonis, a mother of seven. The curriculum, particularly references to same-sex marriage, conflicts with her Muslim faith, she said. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Several thousand people rallied against Ontario's new sex-ed curriculum at the legislature Tuesday. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

COST OF LIVING

Housing prices soaring

House prices were up in eight of 11 of Canada's major housing markets in March over February, according to new data released Tuesday.

The Teranet-National Bank Composite House Price Index reported the third increase in prices in as many months, with national house prices up 0.3 per cent.

Year over year, national house prices were up about 4.7 per cent, according to Teranet, while Toronto was up 7.6 per cent and Vancouver up 5.3 per cent.

Even in Calgary, where house sales were down more than 36 per cent in March over a year ago in the wake of slumping oil, house prices held relatively steady, up 0.2 per cent over February, according to the data. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

WEATHER

App crowdsources forecasts using smartphone barometers

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

The sky's the limit for a new weather forecasting app designed in Toronto.

PressureNet is the brainchild of local developer Jacob Sheehy. The app makes use of the built-in barometer on Android smartphones to turn users into walking weather stations.

Right now, there are about 400,000 PressureNet users around the globe.

"It's not enough, though. We need more," Sheehy said.

If he can grow his user base tenfold, Sheehy believes PressureNet will "revolutionize" weather forecasting, providing highly accurate, highly localized forecasts at little cost.

The PressureNet app shown on an Android phone.

"If we can connect millions of barometers ... we can measure the atmosphere dramatically more densely than anyone else without spending much money," he said.

More accurate forecasts would be a boon for the agriculture and alternative energy sectors, Sheehy said.

In addition, consumers could use the data to heat their homes more efficiently or predict migraine headaches caused by barometric pressure.

Sheehy is also in talks with Environment Canada to use PressureNet to help forecast weather in remote areas.

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Robot-poet boots up for Canada tour

INVENTION

Expect fuzzy logic in its sentences

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A robot that can create poetry? No kidding.

Not only that, but this invention from the creators of the popular hitchBOT — which shot to fame last year after hitchhiking across Canada and Germany — also has active Twitter and Facebook accounts.

And that's where you realize that kulturBOT is just that: a robot.

"It can only create sentences that are grammatically correct but don't make any sense," said Frauke Zeller, assistant professor in professional communication at Ryerson University.

It's almost the same way a computer can master grammar, but it would be difficult to teach it about meaning, she said.

The kulturBOT, ready for some poetry action. TWITTER

So, it's not surprising that kulturBOT's Twitter feed is full of sentences such as "Hat can only be violent speed!" and "we are out of balm for the first will find in an outspot, facing an automobile with innumerable towns!"

Zeller, who collaborated on the bot with David Harris Smith from McMaster University, said they wanted to use technology to add something into people's cultural and social interactions.

The original kulturBOT was built from parts of a vacuum cleaner, a yellow lemon juicer and a pasta strainer for a cranium. It was equipped with a camera and used in museums and galleries to snap pictures.

Now evolving into a self-publishing poet, its strainer contains a small printer that helps emit words based on robotics and text algorithms, Zeller said.

The robot-poet will join other Canadian poets as they set out this week on the Great Canadian PoeTrain tour.

"We are excited about this human-robot poetry kind of collaboration," said David Brydges, artistic director of PoeTrain 2015.

The tour is like a poetry festival that travels city to city on train. Poet laureate George Elliot Clarke is expected to join the team on Friday as it makes its first stop in Toronto.

Cheese please: The Tuesday lineup outside Uncle Tetsu's. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

UNCLE TETSU'S

Cheesecakes selling like hotcakes

Still trying to get your hands on one of the city's hottest sweets?

So are plenty of others, and you'll have to lineup before the store opens if you want a taste of Japanese cheesecake in Toronto.

It's been a month since Uncle Tetsu's cheesecake shop opened on Bay Street north of Dundas and the line out the door has grown longer than ever, thanks partly to warmer weather.

Shuntaro Kurakake, director of Uncle Tetsu's operations in Canada, says the cheesecakes are selling like, well, hotcakes — anywhere from 350 to 500 a day.

During the Easter long weekend, Kurakake said customers started lining up as early as 7 a.m., hours before the store opened.

On a typical day, you'll need to be at the door 30 minutes to an hour before the opening time of 11 a.m. to avoid long lines. But, even then, Kurakake said, he can't guarantee the wait won't be a long one.

"We only have one oven and one stove," Kurakake said. "There is a limit to how fast we can make these cakes."

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*Air Canada is teaming up with the Greater Toronto Airport Authority at Toronto Pearson International Airport to contract out the jobs of Air Canada employees. Discounted jobs don't result in discounted fares – they do result in poorer service at Canada's busiest airport. Air Canada and the GTAA must end this practice of contracting out and eroding job security.

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Three options for Gardiner

TRANSPORTATION

City starting consultations with public

The Gardiner Expressway solution favoured by many at city hall is estimated to cost Torontonians a whopping $920 million over the next century — $336 million of it required upfront.

City staff predict the so-called "hybrid" solution would be the priciest of three options contained in cost and travel time estimates to be made public Wednesday, but viewed by Torstar News Service Tuesday.

That proposal would realign the expressway east of Jarvis, moving it to just south of the railway corridor. It would continue east and loop up to connect with the Don Valley Parkway. The elevated portion east of Cherry St. would be torn down and replaced with a grade-level boulevard.

It's all about getting the city moving, one councillor said Tuesday. LIZ BEDDALL/METRO

The hybrid solution, proposed last year by developer First Gulf, promises to trigger massive development on the old Unilever site on Lake Shore Blvd. East, at the base of the Don Valley, while not dramatically slowing commuter traffic.

But the estimated "100-year cost" — broken down into $415 million for capital construction and a further $505 million for operating and maintenance — is almost double the $470-million long-term cost of tearing down the entire eastern elevated Gardiner and replacing it with a boulevard.

A total tear-down could also make way for massive development in the Port Lands, but of the three options it would increase car commute times the most.

Councillor Jaye Robinson, while announcing Tuesday that public consultations on the Gardiner's fate will start Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at the Toronto Reference Library, made it clear she and Mayor John Tory do not want to worsen Toronto's gridlock problem.

"Certainly, for myself and for the mayor, the number one consideration is getting the city moving," Robinson said, while adding they have an open mind and will consider Torontonians' feedback at the public sessions, including another consultation at Blessed Cardinal High School at 100 Brimley Rd. S. on Monday at 6:30 a.m.

The third Gardiner option, simply maintaining the expressway as-is, is estimated to have a 100-year cost of $870 million — $525 million of that for operating and maintaining the crumbling span.

The public will also get projections for how the three options would affect, by 2031, morning rush-hour vehicle commutes to Union Station from four sites — Victoria Park and Finch Avenues.; Don Mills Rd. and Eglinton Ave.; Victoria Park Ave. and Kingston Rd.; and Kipling Ave. and Lake Shore Blvd.

Tory supported the hybrid option during last year's civic election.

In an email Tuesday, his communications director, Amanda Galbraith, said: "The mayor respects the public consultation process and looks forward to a full discussion with his council colleagues."

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THE CHOICES

Maintain it

The 100-year cost is $870 million.

Pros: After being in use for more than 50 years, the Gardiner now defines traffic patterns and flows.

Cons: The Gardiner is more than 50 years old and the price to keep it safely operating is not cheap and could climb.

Removal

The 100-year cost is $470 million.

Pros: Supporters say it will give the city a chance to re-link the city to the waterfront, unlock massive land values now trapped under and nearby the current roadway, and save on never-ending repair costs.

Cons: A report said traffic could best be accommodated by widening surface roads and putting some of the roadway underground.

Hybrid

The 100-year cost is $920 million.

Pros: Unlocks land value around the roadway, could limit disruption for commuters.

Cons: Complicated and the costliest option.

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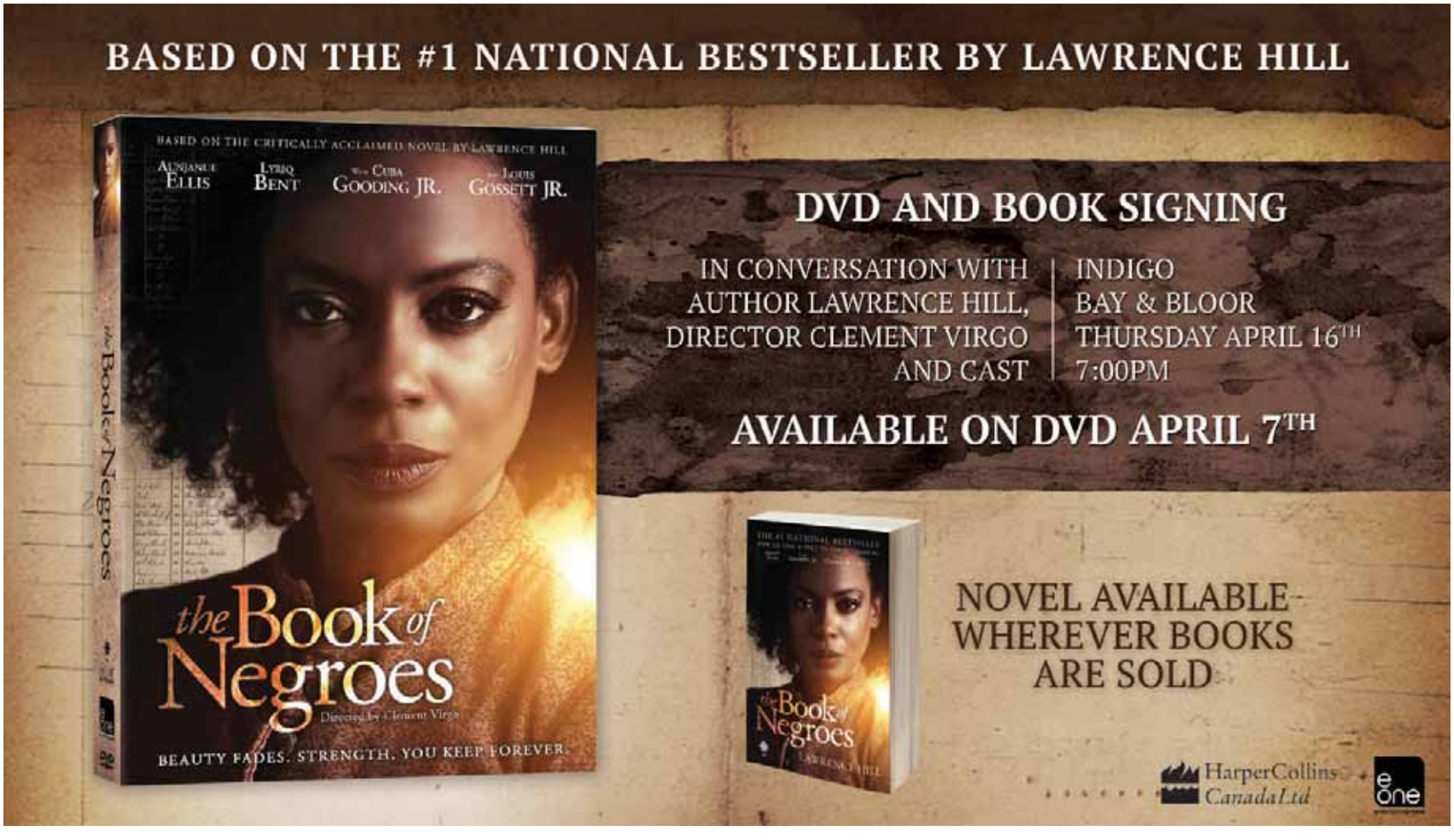
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Change brewing for beer, but not wine

RETAIL SALES

Challenges under trade pacts worries Queen's Park

Shoppers line up with their purchases at the Queens Quay LCBO. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Ontarians will soon be able to buy beer in some 300 supermarkets, but the more complicated expansion of wine sales in grocery stores is going to take longer to uncork, Torstar News Service has learned.

While Finance Minister Charles Sousa is unveiling the much-anticipated beer plan in his April 23 provincial budget, sources say wine drinkers will have to wait.

That's because former TD Bank CEO Ed Clark — Premier Kathleen Wynne's privatization czar — is taking a separate look at a wine issue clouded by international trade agreements and other challenges. There are concerns at Queen's Park that expanding grocery sales could lead to challenges under the Canada-European Union Comprehensive Economic and Trade Agreement (CETA) and the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA).

Wynne's Liberals will allow suds sales in hundreds of Ontario grocery stores, ending a quasi-monopoly enjoyed by the 448-outlet Beer Store, operated by the foreign parents of Labatt, Molson, and Sleeman.

"I can assure you that change is brewing in Ontario," Sousa quipped at Ryerson University's Digital Media Zone on Tuesday as he revealed the budget date.

In the budget, the Liberals are to announce that licences to sell beer in about 300 supermarkets will be auctioned off with no single grocery company allowed to buy more than 25 per cent of them.

The Beer Store will continue to operate but will have to pay Queen's Park an annual "franchise fee" of as much as $100 million. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

PROVINCIAL BUDGET

Sousa says Crown assets sale on table

There will be no "extreme measures" in the Ontario budget next week as the government moves to reduce a $10.9-billion deficit, Finance Minister Charles Sousa said Tuesday.

Details will have to wait for the April 23 budget, he added.

Sousa said a "large component" of his fiscal plan will involve possible asset sales.

A government-appointed panel chaired by former TD Bank chief Ed Clark examined assets such as Hydro One, Ontario Power Generation and the Liquor Control Board.

Any money raised from a sale Crown corporations would go towards the Liberals' 10-year, $130-billion plan to invest in infrastructure projects, said Sousa.

Sousa insisted the government can eliminate a $10.9-billion deficit by 2017-18 despite persistent skepticism from financial analysts, credit rating agencies and opposition parties.

Ontario's fiscal plan will be unveiled just two days after the federal budget is introduced in Ottawa.

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UBER GETS INTO GROCERIES

Ride-sharing service Uber is teaming with Loblaws, Canada's largest grocer, in an experimental program that offers free rides to Toronto customers who order their groceries online.

Uber says on its blog that the experiment, running from April 14 to 20, will provide free rides valued at up to $30 to and from one of three Loblaws click & collect locations in the city.

According to the Uber blog, customers who pick up their click & collect order with Uber will be entered in a contest to win $1,000 in groceries at Loblaws in Toronto.

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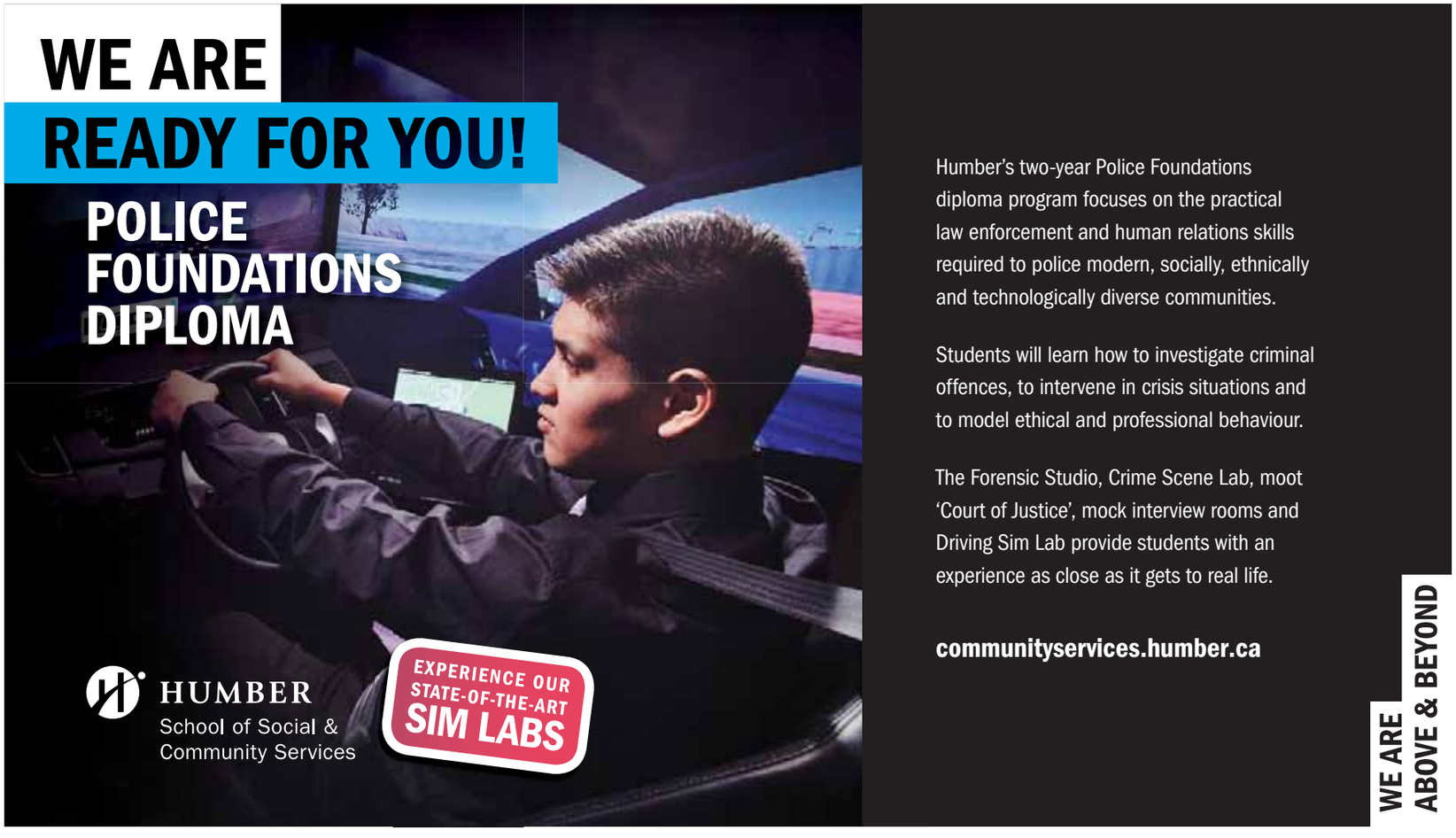
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POLITICS WHEN HOCKEY AND CLIMATE CHANGE COLLIDE
Ontario Premier Kathleen Wynne, from the left, Quebec Premier Philippe Couillard and Manitoba Premier Greg Selinger are seen at an interprovincial summit on climate change in Quebec City on Tuesday holding sweaters from their province's teams that will participate in the NHL playoffs. The goal of the meeting was to show Canadians how their leaders were uniting to fight the effects of climate change. PHOTO: JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS; TEXT: THE CANADIAN PRESS

IN BRIEF

Coalition? Maybe, but not if Mulcair is NDP leader, Trudeau says
Liberal Leader Justin Trudeau says he would "maybe" be open to the idea of forming a coalition with the New democratic Party if Tom Mulcair was not running the party.

Asked on Tuesday whether having someone other than Mulcair as leader would change the dynamic in terms of a coalition between the two parties, Trudeau replied: "Maybe, but maybe not.

"(Mulcair's) style is anchored in the old way of practising politics. Politics needs to be about rallying."

Mulcair, however, reiterated his openness last month to a possible coalition with the Liberals. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Troops will not be in danger: Kenney

EASTERN EUROPE

Canadian military to train forces in Ukraine

The Harper government went to extra lengths Tuesday to make it clear Canadian military trainers will not be in harm's way when they deploy to western Ukraine to school battle-weary formations in the finer points of combat.

"These Canadian Armed Forces personnel will not be going anywhere remotely close to the conflict zone in eastern Ukraine," Defence Minister Jason Kenney told a news conference.

The U.S.-led mission is unlikely to raise the temperature of the simmering conflict in eastern Europe, but that could change if Washington, Ottawa and other nations decide to permanently base troops in places like Poland and the Baltic states, which NATO is being urged to do.

Steve Saideman, chairman in international affairs at Carleton University in Ottawa, said Russia will likely make noise about the mission and milk it for propaganda value, but likely won't seek to retaliate.

"We still live in a nuclear world, and there are certain things Russia can do, and certain things Russian can't do," Saideman said. "What I think the Russians would care more about was if the United States planted a brigade in Poland and another brigade strewn throughout the Baltics. That would be much more upsetting to them."

He says another cautionary line would be crossed if the West decided to ship arms and munitions to Ukraine.

NDP Leader Tom Mulcair, however, says he is very concerned by what he calls a dangerous precedent and a lack of consultation.

"This is not a NATO mission and yet we're going to be on the Russian border," he said during a stop in Rimouski, Que.
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DETAILS

Ukraine mission
Canada is sending 200 military trainers to Ukraine sometime in early summer, joining the U.S. and Britain in a two-year commitment to improve the effectiveness of Ukrainian forces.

The mission addresses a number of requests from the government of Ukraine and is being provided to help the country in its efforts to maintain sovereignty, security and stability in the face of Russian aggression, Kenney said.

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FRANCE

Smoking, drinking, anorexia on hit list

France's lower house of Parliament has approved a draft law tackling a range of public health problems from smoking and drinking to obesity and anorexia.

The bill passed in the National Assembly on Tuesday with 311 votes in favour and 241 against. The reform now goes to the Senate.

One measure would make it a crime to use anorexic models or encourage anorexia. Any modelling agency or person who pays a model below a certain body mass index would face up to six months in prison and 75,000 euros ($80,000 US) in fines if convicted.

Another measure would force manufacturers to package their cigarettes in plain boxes.

In another part of the bill, people who encourage minors to drink excessively could face a year behind bars and a 15,000 euro ($16,000 US) fine.

The sale to minors of products inciting people to get drunk, such as T-shirts, would be forbidden.

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Man 'choked' boy, 6, to death, trial hears

MANHATTAN

Closing arguments in 1979 missing child case

The case of a six-year-old boy who vanished in 1979 marked the end of an innocent era but has led to reforms that have helped save many children from a similar fate, a prosecutor said Tuesday at the trial of the man accused of killing him.

Etan Patz "is larger than his very little, important life," Assistant District Attorney Joan Illuzzi-Orbon said in closing arguments at the Manhattan murder trial of Pedro Hernandez, a 54-year-old New Jersey man.

Hernandez confessed in 2012 in a case that has confounded law enforcement for decades. Etan's body was never found, nor was any trace of clothing or his belongings. The defence says the admissions are the fictional ravings of a mentally ill man with a low IQ.

Hernandez, who was a teenage stock clerk, knew there were children in and out of the store, and Etan had been there countless times, the prosecutor said.

Illuzzi-Orbon said Hernandez saw Etan with a dollar and asked him to the basement. She said the motive was sexual, and Etan likely fought back. "The quickest and easiest way to shut him up and shut him up permanently was to choke him to death," she said.

Illuzzi-Orbon said his first confession to a prayer group shortly after the boy disappeared was the most accurate. Prayer circle members testified that Hernandez made tearful admissions during a 1979 retreat that matched some of what he told authorities on video 33 years later.

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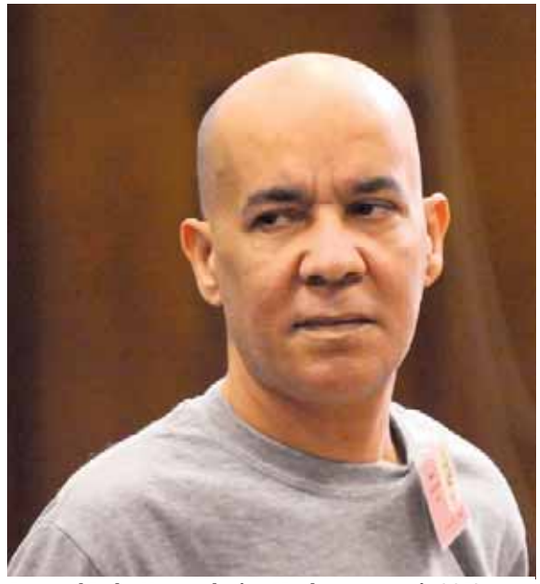

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OKLAHOMA

Reserve deputy booked into jail on manslaughter charge

A volunteer law enforcement officer was booked into jail Tuesday on a manslaughter charge in the death of an Oklahoma man who was fatally shot as he lay on the ground at the officer's feet.

The sheriff's office has said Robert Bates, a 73-year-old insurance executive who was volunteering on an undercover operation, mistakenly pulled out his handgun instead of his stun gun and shot Eric Harris as the suspect struggled with deputies.

It was the latest fatal shooting by a police officer to draw national attention after months of investigations and protests of other deaths in Ferguson, Missouri, New York City, South Carolina and elsewhere.

Bates was charged Monday with second-degree manslaughter involving "culpable negligence" for Harris' April 2 death. If convicted, he could face up to four years in prison.

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Robert Bates. TULSA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

SIERRA LEONE

Schools re-open, nine months after Ebola forced their closure

Children in Sierra Leone returned to schools on Tuesday after staying at home for nine months because of the Ebola outbreak that has killed more than 10,000 mostly in West Africa.

More than 8,000 schools are to reopen for about 1.8 million students and the government and UN children's agency promise to check temperatures regularly and will promote hand washing to discourage the spread of Ebola in the schools.

"This marks a major step in the normalization of life in Sierra Leone," said Roeland Monasch, UNICEF Representative in Sierra Leone. "It is important that all children get into school including those who were out of school before the Ebola outbreak. Education for all is a key part of the recovery process for the country."

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IN BRIEF

Toy tester shutting down
The Canadian Toy Testing Council. a volunteer organization that for decades has given parents independent advice on which toys are best for their children, is closing its doors effective the end of June. Under financial pressure for years, the council's board of directors voted last month to cease operations following an exhaustive but vain search for new sponsors.
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Spectrum auction starts
Smaller players in Canada's wireless market will likely gain a little ground on the telecom companies through Ottawa's latest auctioning of spectrum, which began Tuesday, says an industry expert. The airwaves cover spectrum used to provide high-bandwidth functions like streaming video to smartphones but also for home Internet service in rural areas where wired service is unavailable.
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More Canadians cut cord: Report

TELEVISION

Another 95,000 households left last year, says tracking group

More Canadians are choosing to cancel their cable TV and satellite packages, and a new report suggests there's no sign of the migration slowing down. The Convergence Consulting Group says about 95,000 fewer households had a cable TV or satellite subscription at the end of 2014, compared with 2013.

By those estimates, more than 21 per cent of Canadian households or 3.09 million homes did not have a cable TV or satellite TV subscription at the end of last year.

"These are very strong drops in TV," said Brahm Eiley, president of Convergence Consulting, a Toronto-based firm that collects extensive data on the North American cable and phone industries.

Growth in the Canadian TV market was steady from 2007 to 2011, with annual subscriber additions averaging about 220,000 households, Eiley said. But in 2013, a change in direction started to emerge, with the number of TV subscriptions falling by 13,000.

This year, Eiley expects the industry will lose another 97,000, as the shift continues at a stronger clip.

Several factors are at work in the decline, Eiley suggested. Some younger households never signed up for TV services, which pulls down net subscriber numbers, while more households that once paid for cable are putting their cash toward video-streaming services like Netflix instead.
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A report says more Canadians are becoming comfortable watching content through other platforms and are cancelling TV packages. NETFLIX INC/ THE CANADIAN PRESS-THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

SUBSCRIBER BASE

Canadians streaming to Netflix, report says
The report estimates Netflix subscribers grew to 3.9 million last year in Canada, an increase from three million in 2013.

The big telecoms have been fighting back, with competing services like Shomi from Rogers and Shaw, and CraveTV from Bell and its partners, including Telus, Bell Aliant and Eastlink.

The study also found more Canadians are becoming comfortable watching content through other Internet platforms, whether it's through the web platforms of TV channels like CTV and CBC or illegal downloads through torrent websites.
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PUBLISHING

Library group lists controversial books

At least one part of the publishing world has a diverse slate of authors: the books most likely to be pulled from library and school shelves.

The American Library Association on Monday released its annual list of the 10 books receiving the most complaints from parents, educators and others in the local community.

Sherman Alexie's prize-winning autobiographical novel of school life, The Absolutely True Diary of a Part-Time Indian, ranked No. 1, followed by Marjane Satrapi's graphic novel Persepolis and the picture book about two male penguins raising a baby penguin, Peter Parnell's and Justin Richardson's And Tango Makes Three.

Others on the list include Toni Morrison's debut novel The Bluest Eye, Khaled Hosseini's million-selling novel The Kite Runner and Jaycee Dugard's bestselling memoir about her kidnapping, A Stolen Life.

Several of the authors listed were either non-whites — even though just a small percentage of books released each year are by non-whites — or writers of books with gay, lesbian or transgender themes.

Reasons for books being challenged ranged from "cultural insensitivity" in Alexie's novel, in which the author draws upon his experiences as an American Indian at a virtually all-white high school, to "promotes the homosexual agenda" in And Tango Makes Three.

Common complaints include explicit sex, violence, references to drugs and alcohol and offensive language.
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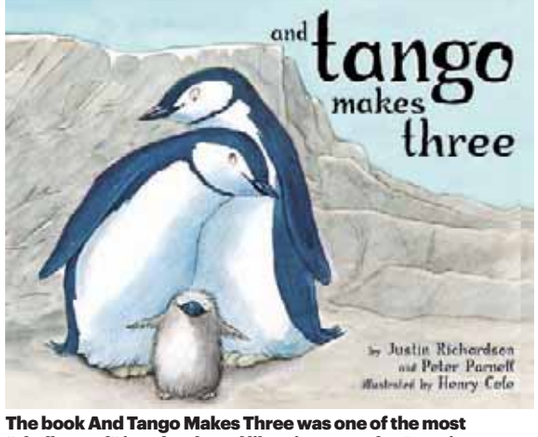
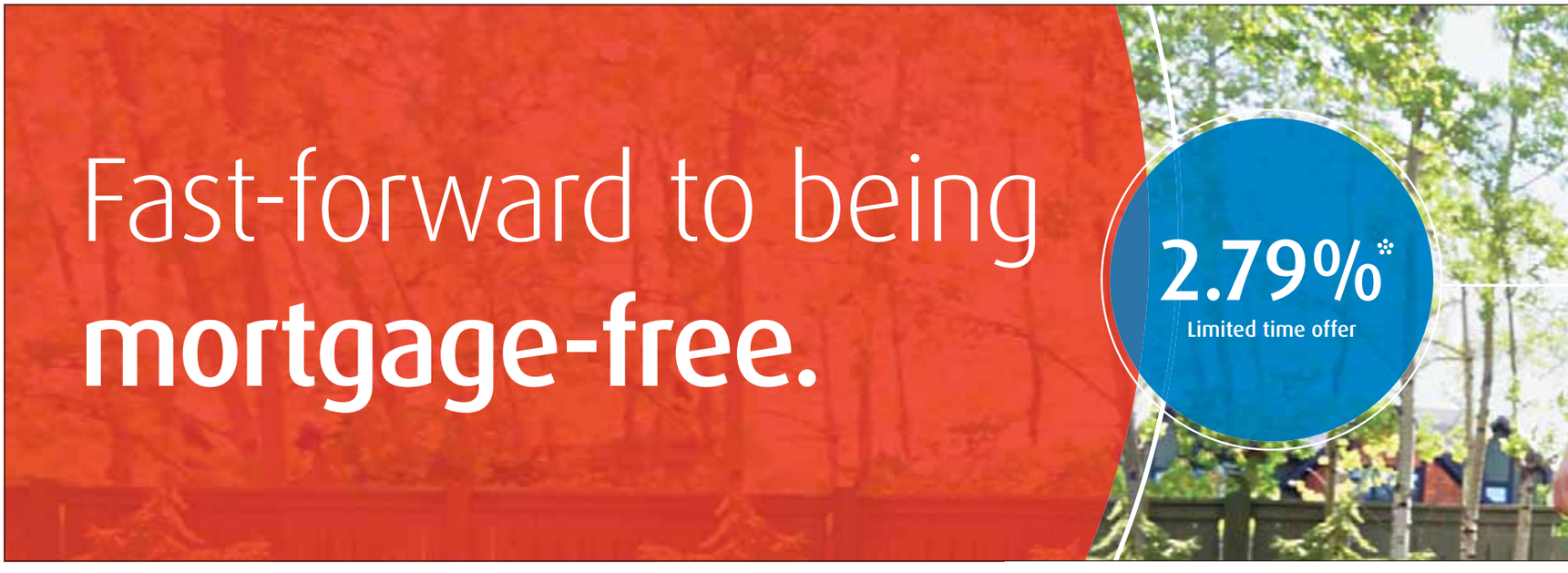


The book And Tango Makes Three was one of the most "challenged" in schools and libraries, says the American Library Association. SIMON & SCHUSTER/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Patent trolls milk millions in U.S. through totally legal scam

FRIVOLOUS LAWSUITS

Tech industry upset over laws that favour patent-holders

The same week that Alex Haro and Chris Hulls raised $50 million US for their mobile app, Life360, the business partners got a letter. It said they had three days to pay licensing fees to a company they had never heard of because their app violated its patented technology.

Haro and Hulls traced the company, Advanced Ground Information Systems, to a coastal home in Jupiter, Fla., with a phone number that initially went to an anonymous voicemail. They couldn't find any employees on LinkedIn.

On the other side of that letter was Malcolm "Cap" Beyer Jr., a 76-year-old who had filed patents a decade ago on cellphone mapping. He said his attorney told him that he had a strong case against the startup, even though the general technology had been widely used by other tech companies for years. Beyer insists the mobile app's $50 million US in fundraising had nothing to do with it.

In the end, a jury sided with Life360 on all counts — but not before Haro and Hulls shelled out nearly $1.5 million in legal fees.

U.S. Congress is expected to take up legislation this year that would make it tougher for people like Beyer to claim patent infringement and put them on the hook for legal costs if they lose. The bill has become a top lobbying priority this year for the tech industry, which says it repeatedly fends off frivolous lawsuits because of poorly written software patents and laws that favour patent holders.

But lawmakers have repeatedly stumbled over the issue, which doesn't fall neatly along party lines. America's drugmakers, universities and trial lawyers claim that patents are the lifeblood of American invention and that the current bill goes too far.

The bill aims to toughen requirements when filing patent challenges in court, such as limiting the amount of documentation that can be demanded before a judge makes an initial ruling. The bill also opens the door to a requirement that plaintiffs pay legal bills of the defendants if they lose.

Still opposing the bill, however, are pharmaceutical and biotech companies and universities that say the legislation would make it too tough and expensive for them to protect their patents.

The House will pick up the issue again this week with a hearing of its Judiciary Committee. Among those testifying is Keven Kramer, Yahoo's deputy legal counsel, who estimates the company has spent $100 million US fighting bogus patent lawsuits since 2007.

Not wanting to pay for a protracted legal fight, defendants almost always settle even if they think they'd win. Kramer calls it a vicious cycle — the more companies settle, the more lawsuits are filed.

"It's like a legal version of a mob protection racket," said Noah Theran, a spokesman for the Internet Association, a coalition of web-based companies. "The tactics are different, but the end result is a good old-fashioned shakedown."

Beyer said in a phone interview last week that he's a defence contractor with more than a dozen employees, not "some vile animal that's filing lawsuits" for sport.

"We are simply just trying to enforce our patent," he said.

Beyer's lawyer, Mark Hannemann, denied allegations by Haro that the law firm used Beyer's patents to try to coerce Life360 into a large, quick settlement. He said the company had sought only $3 million US in damages, "which is not a large amount in a patent case." He also alluded to possibly appealing the case, saying "there is, potentially, a long way to go in the process."

"The reason we have a patent system is so inventors like Mr. Beyer can protect their inventions," Hannemann wrote.

Haro said he thinks some kind of legislation is necessary, or else the U.S. economy will suffer. "It shouldn't be so expensive to defend yourself from a completely meritless lawsuit," he said.

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Life360 co-founder and president Alex Haro, seen at his company headquarters in San Francisco on Tuesday, spent nearly $1.5 million US in legal fees to defend their mobile app from a company they had never heard of. ERIC RISBERG/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

TROLLS

Startups are main target

Businesses that buy up patents with the sole intention of filing lawsuits or demanding licensing fees from tech companies are generally referred to as patent trolls. They usually focus on technical areas like computer chips, cloud computing and wireless routers and particularly target startups around the time of their public offering.

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the big question

What's the 'best before' date with human eggs?

The standard storage period for human eggs is 10 years. Viability is not guaranteed but vitrification (flash-freezing, eggs at -196 C) has more success than slow cooling. Spermatozoa are easier to keep, it seems: normal pregnancies have resulted from 12-year-old samples. Even natural fertility isn't foolproof: sex every two to three days over a year only has an 80 per cent pregnancy rate for women under 40.

To binge or to bond, that is the question

SOCIAL DISCOURSE

Omar Mouallem

I stopped watching Orange is the New Black the moment I learned my wife cheated on me … by watching it without me.

We enjoyed the first season over a month, curled up on the couch every few nights. That's accelerated viewing to me, a TV grazer, but glacial to the Netflix Queen I married. She met me in the middle, until I left the country. We both did — it was a vacation. But for her, Europe was no match for Season 2.

What's that Milan Kundera quote? "Two people in love, alone, isolated from the world, that's beautiful. But what would they nourish their intimate talk with?" Not television.

Binge-watching has destroyed the shared viewing experience, turning TV like Marvel's Daredevil, dumped on Netflix at midnight Friday, into an individualistic experience. On one hand, it allows you to catch more clues, nuances, and see the inner workings of a show. On the other hand, it dilutes the social pleasure of television discourse.

Even with social media allowing us to have worldwide simultaneous conversations about new shows, the chatter is trite and tends to be either bland praise or useless status updates of which episode users have reached.

Where there's discussion, it's completely out of sync. Imagine J.R. getting shot in the original Dallas, not on the same night, but staggered over weeks or months. That explains why no Netflix or Amazon original programming has yet had a "Red Wedding" moment that infects your social spheres. Though it's not for a lack of trying.

Had House of Cards been offered in 13 courses instead of buffet style, then Francis Underwood throwing Zoe Barnes in front of the train would surely have made a splash at the water-cooler. But who's to say the person waiting to fill up would be ready for such a spoiler? (P.S.: Spoiler alert.)

Cards, like Orange, is another show I abandoned. With so many condensed highs and lows, I'd become desensitized and, well, bored.

Great television shows build audiences over time, with cliffhangers that linger within you and require a social outlet that builds further word of mouth. We saw that with Breaking Bad and True Detective, and we're seeing it now with Empire, the FOX hip-hop opera that increased its audience with each episode until it wrapped up the season last month.

And perhaps we will see that with Netflix's next show in May, the Canadian thriller Between. It's rolling out over six weeks because of a three-way deal with Shomi and City. Tortured subscribers — and married people — might appreciate it in the long run.

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ROSEMARY WESTWOOD

metroview

"The micro-living pioneers are the so-called trailer trash"

Small is so chic these days.

There are trend pieces on laneway homes, Nordic cabin trailers, micro condos, and endless feature stories on "innovative" small living spaces that read like some kind of scientific discovery.

Please. Small space living is nothing new, not even in North America. And the original micro-living pioneers are the so-called trailer trash.

"If Bubbles was here I would give him the biggest hug," Cindy MacDonald tells me over the phone from her home in Calgary's Midfield Mobile Home Park.

"Trailer parks need to look out for one another!" the Trailer Park Boys star tweeted earlier this week and asked Mayor Naheed Nenshi to stop the city's plan to evict the park's residents in 2017, due to aging infrastructure.

MacDonald turned to Bubbles as an ironic champion after facing slurs like "trailer trash, whores and druggies," she said, thinking the beloved pop culture epitome of trailer trash might help turn the tide.

MacDonald should never have needed his PR help Mobile homes are perfectly fine homes. They're important sources of affordable housing for seniors and young families, according to a 2007 B.C. study. And they're even on the rise: The 2011 census found movable dwellings (which include mobile homes) are up to 183,510 from 157,560 in 2001.

One new adopter is Isabella Mori, whose custom-built trailer home in Vancouver is so chic it's spawned a newspaper trend story. As if mobile homes weren't a century old.

The trend pieces are "hilarious," agreed Jake Fry, one of the leaders in Vancouver's small-house movement. "(It's) as if someone had stumbled upon an idea not yet utilized, and yet it's probably the most common thing in the world, these type of smaller living environments for families."

We can thank the exorbitant and rising cost of urban housing for adding fuel to the trend. As someone who lives in a 200-square-foot studio apartment, I get the appeal of a pared-down home. Fry even argued the younger generation is motivated to live in smaller spaces by a desire to focus on what they need to be happy, and not what they want, like the Blue Jays' new van-living pitcher Daniel Norris.

Mobile homes aren't a likely option for most cities looking to expand up instead of out.

And if and when MacDonald is evicted, it'll be amid the rise of the micro-condo in Toronto and the freight-container apartments in Vancouver — the higher-end evolution of an old search for housing that we can afford. Trailer-sized living, chic.

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Of celebs and science

TELEVISION

You don't have to be an astrophysicist to get on Tyson's new show

Dean Lisk
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What would Kim Kardashian know about science? Neil deGrasse Tyson says the answer may surprise you.

"I would put her on StarTalk," says the popular scientist about his new National Geographic Channel series.

"What would we talk about? We would look at all the things she does. If she uses a hair straightener, there are chemicals in that hair straightener. If she bronzes her skin, we will talk about the chemicals. I will bring in a chemist to talk about cosmetics."

Having a conversation about science is at the heart of his series, premiering Monday, April 20 at 11 p.m. ET.

During each hour-long episode, Tyson sits down with a celebrity to explore how science and technology influence their lives.

"Maybe I was exaggerating a little bit, but if I could get (Kim Kardashian) on, I would do it," says Tyson.

Still, there is enough star power to tune in, with guests ranging from Star Trek alum George Takei and director Christopher Nolan, to syndicated columnist Dan Savage and Canadian astronaut Chris Hadfield.

"He was just as friendly and as smart and as charming as I had hoped and expected. He made a great guest," says Tyson about Hadfield. "I had not known that he also composes music. So on the StarTalk episode he sang for us the lullaby he composed for his kids while he was in space to sing them to sleep."

Tyson describes the process of choosing guests as "very crass and simple."

"It's: 'Are they famous?' We want them as a guest. We created StarTalk to reach people who didn't know they liked science. Or people who knew they did not like science.

"You have to give them some other reason to participate in a science conversation. One way to do that is to comb the elements of pop culture and say, 'Are there singers, actors, directors, performers who have huge followings? Well, let's get them on StarTalk.' And, we will find ways science emanates from their profession — even in ways they might not have been aware of. We might find they have a little bit of geek in them."

Getting people in touch with their inner geek is nothing new for Tyson.

The director of the Hayden Planetarium at the American Museum of Natural History previously hosted the PBS series NOVA ScienceNow and Cosmos: A Spacetime Odyssey.

He is also a popular scientific voice on social media, with more than 3.3 million Twitter followers.

"In the sciences, we are not generally rewarded for being sociable. Our reward comes from never leaving the laboratory," he says.

"So maybe people thought I was odd.

"That said, I do think a lot about pop culture. So I am a little bit fluent in some aspects of pop culture and so that helps. Because, if there is someone who doesn't know anything about science, but they know everything about pop culture, I have a way to have a conversation with them."

TYSON TALKS

On Canadian currency

"Congratulations on the five-dollar bill that you guys have," says Tyson, noting the hockey players on the bill were replaced by the Canadarm when plastic currency was introduced. "I use it in all my lectures. Canada decided they didn't need the hockey players on the back of the five dollar bill. That they didn't need to be reminded that they liked hockey up in Canada. So, they could use that currency real estate on the on the back of the five-dollar bill and they could put Chris Hadfield and the Canadarm on it."

On being named to People's sexiest list

"To be clear, that was 15 years ago, and probably 15 kilos ago," says Tyson. "It was 'sexiest astrophysicist alive.' But consider the category. I don't think that is a very competitive category."

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The multiplicity of Tatiana Maslany

Tatiana Maslany as clones Sarah Manning, left, and Cosima Niehaus. HANDOUT

INTERVIEW

Orphan Black star talks about her big, happy clone family

Lisa Weidenfeld
Metro | New York

It's rare enough for an actor to earn endless critical acclaim for a performance on TV. But there's one star receiving that kind of praise for several performances, all in one show: Tatiana Maslany. She's been doing that for two seasons as a group of clones on Orphan Black, which returns for a third season on Saturday. The show manages to be, at various points, a satire of suburbia, a con artist action show and a horror movie with religious undertones. At the centre of it all is Maslany, anchoring a group of women who are learning to be siblings, but who are all so different from each other that it's easy to forget they're played by one woman.

What would you say is the theme of the new season?
It feels to me like there's something about the idea of the girls being stronger as a team. We see them separate at the beginning because they've all had these huge life changes and are in different worlds entirely because of everything, but just by meeting, they've changed each other and they've discovered a family they now belong to. And I think that's been a huge thing for all of them.

Will they be separated again like they were last season, or will they be together more often this year?
They're splintered again. It's exciting to see them in their own worlds and coming back together. They all have very separate lives, as much as they have come together. Cosima's sick and dealing with her mortality, so that's where her world picks up again, whereas Alison is in a loving relationship and very supported, and yet they have this secret that they're hiding from everyone, which is that they've buried a body in their garage. So there's all these different things that they're contending with that are very separate.

You famously used different types of music to get into each clone character. Are you still doing that?
It changes all the time. It's less precious to those playlists now. It's a bit more fluid. It's more what I'm listening to at that moment. I trust that character to live in my body a little more than I did in the first season and second season. The process of getting them is different.
They also have met each other and there's a lot of crossover in terms of who they are. I think siblings tend to impact each other and kind of create each other, so there's definitely less of a, you are this and I am this.

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Team Alison and Donnie
Though Alison, the iron-willed suburban mom, was often at odds with husband Donnie (Kristian Bruun) in earlier seasons once she learned he was observing her for the sinister Dyad Institute, the two have since united over a shared hatred of the company.

How is it working as a team with Alison and Donnie, as opposed to having them be at odds?
It's great. He's such an awesome actor, Kristian. He's such a great improviser and we have so much fun together, so it's such a joy to get to do a scene together.

That dynamic has always been one that has excited me and it's always kind of growing and changing.

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Shocked by Charlize Theron and Sean Penn's engagement? Turns out Theron is, too. ALL PHOTOS GETTY IMAGES

Charlize's wedding surprise

ENGAGEMENT

'Life just kicks you in the ass,' says Sean Penn's fiancée

Ned Ehrbar
In Hollywood

Considering that during her nine-year relationship with Stuart Townsend she was vehemently against walking down the aisle, it's understandable that even Charlize Theron was not expecting she'd be engaged to new beau Sean Penn after just over a year of dating.

She's shocked by the development, I tell you. Or rather, she tells Esquire: "I think that for both of us there was never a moment where we thought that this — what we have today — would ever even be a possibility. Ever, ever, ever," she says.

"I think we're both finding ourselves at this moment in our lives kind of shocked. Both of us. Just when you think you know how things are supposed to go down, life just kicks you in the ass and guess what? You don't have a clue."

That … is a pretty unpleasant way to describe getting engaged, but maybe that's just what life with Penn is like?

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JANELLE MONAE

A flawless fashion flip-off

Singer Janelle Monae has a unique sense of style — one that is totally working for her, mind you — but even the best-dressed among us have to tend with obnoxious naysayers every now and again. Monae found herself on the receiving end of some unsolicited fashion advice, and she turned it into an opportunity for a master class in schooling Twitter trolls.

A "fan" tweeted at her, "Girl, stop being so soulful and sexy. Tired of those dumbass suits. You fine, but you too damn soulful, man."

So how did Monae respond? "Sit down. I'm not for male consumption." Simple, to the point and effective.

MUMFORD AND SONS

'Tribal' Tidal not for band

Marcus Mumford and his band of Sons weren't invited to be part of Jay Z's big fancy Tidal streaming music party with Madonna and Rihanna — which they totally don't care about, OK?

"We wouldn't have joined it, anyway, even if they had asked. We don't want to be tribal," Mumford tells the Daily Beast. "What I'm not into is the tribalistic aspect of it — people trying to corner bits of the market and put their face on it. That's just commercial bulls—." So there, Jay Z. No neo-folk for you.

6 RED FLAGS INTERVIEWERS LOOK OUT FOR.

INCRIMINATING PHOTOS
You will be Googled. And even if you have strict privacy settings, it's still possible for someone inside your network to copy and share photos. Post wisely.

BAD ATTITUDE
No one likes a Negative Nancy. Avoid rolling your eyes or complaining about former bosses. Employers want to hire upbeat, positive team players.

SMOKING
Don't smoke a cigarette right before your interview. Many people have a strong aversion to the smell of smoke and your interviewer could be one of them.

TYPOS
Proofread your resume and cover letter over and over again. Misused words and spelling mistakes make you appear unskilled or, even worse, indifferent.

HIGH FASHION
Unless you're interviewing to be Gaga's next assistant, leave the experimental fashion at home. Simply aim for looking well groomed and professional.

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"Oh my darling, you have such a way with rotisserie chicken." Not as romantic as having a way with words but in this day and age, much more useful.

The new book, The Great Rotisserie Chicken Cookbook by Eric Akis, outlines how to cook a bird yourself. But if you are like most of us, you will want to make use of the variety of ways to use that lifesaver of a bird cooked by the grocer.

There are a few things to watch out for when picking one up:

- **Date and time prepared.** These babies can dry out on the shelf or be left too long at an unsafe temperature.
- **Size of chicken.** Don't be fooled by the cheaper grocer unless you also know the size. Since most chickens are sold this way, breeders are being asked to grow 'em smaller to compete.
- **Seasonings.** There is no way around how salty your roasted lifesaver can be so you will have to make sure the rest of the day is managed wisely. (Soy sauce at lunch, roasted chicken at dinner and popcorn for snack is going to have your blood pressure soaring. But steamed broccoli won't.)
- **Toss the bones and veggie scraps into a freezer bag when you are done picking it for all it is worth.** Because it is worth more when you simmer the bones for soup broth and two bird carcasses in the freezer are worth two more in the shopping cart.

THERESA IS AN ON-CAMERA FOOD AND HEALTH EXPERT, NUTRITIONIST AND WRITER WHO LOVES TO SPREAD THE WORD ON FOOD.

A lot of people still want to make some element of the meal. So whether they've made their own chicken or bought one, they still want to do that side dish to serve with it.

Eric Akis, The Great Rotisserie Chicken Cookbook

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Rotisserie chicken makes a great base for easy meals

DINNER

Poultry can be comfort food or diversified to global tastes

While developing recipes for using rotisserie chicken meat in a range of dishes, Eric Akis took into consideration the diverse palates of Canadians.

"They like international tastes, but they also like good old comfort food, so I've got anything from mac and cheese with chicken and peas, which would be great for a Tuesday supper, but then I've also done a Vietnamese-style chicken and rice noodle salad," he says.

"That's for those people that like Asian food and there's a lot of us, even if you're not Asian."

He also includes a section in his eighth cookbook, The Great Rotisserie Chicken Cookbook, on side dishes to serve with rotisserie chicken.

Here is a recipe from the book using rotisserie chicken as an ingredient.

Chicken, avocado and tomato melts

This recipe is really simple. The sumptuous melts can be served with a simple green salad and a glass of lemonade or iced tea.

Prep time: 15 minutes
Cooking time: 10 minutes

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 425 F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper. Pour lime juice onto a wide plate.

2. Quarter avocado lengthwise, pull it apart, and discard pit. Remove peel from avocado. Cut each quarter piece of avocado lengthwise into 3 slices. Set avocado on plate and coat with lime juice.

3. Spread mayonnaise on one side of each slice of bread and arrange on baking sheet. Top each slice with arugula, 2 slices of tomato, 3 slices of avocado and 1/3 cup of the chicken. Sprinkle with cheese.

4. Bake for 10 minutes, or until cheese is melted and bottom of bread is lightly toasted. Garnish with cilantro and serve.

Makes 4 servings.

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INGREDIENTS

- 2 tsp lime juice
- 1 medium ripe avocado
- 4 slices French bread, each 1 inch thick
- 4 tbsp mayonnaise
- 1 1/2 cups baby arugula or spinach
- 8 slices ripe tomato
- 1 1/3 cups shredded rotisserie chicken meat
- 1 cup grated plain or jalapeno-flavoured Monterey Jack cheese
- 1/4 cup coarsely chopped fresh cilantro or green onions

Chicken, avocado and tomato melts. THE CANADIAN PRESS

WINE

Chianti makes a comeback

LIQUID ASSETS

Peter Rockwell
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While you should never judge a wine by the design of its label, the growing gaggle of millennial-aged wine fans is fuelling a trend in retro wine packaging.

Baby Boomers see the return of classic designs as a welcome sip down memory lane, especially when it comes to the Italian fiasco.

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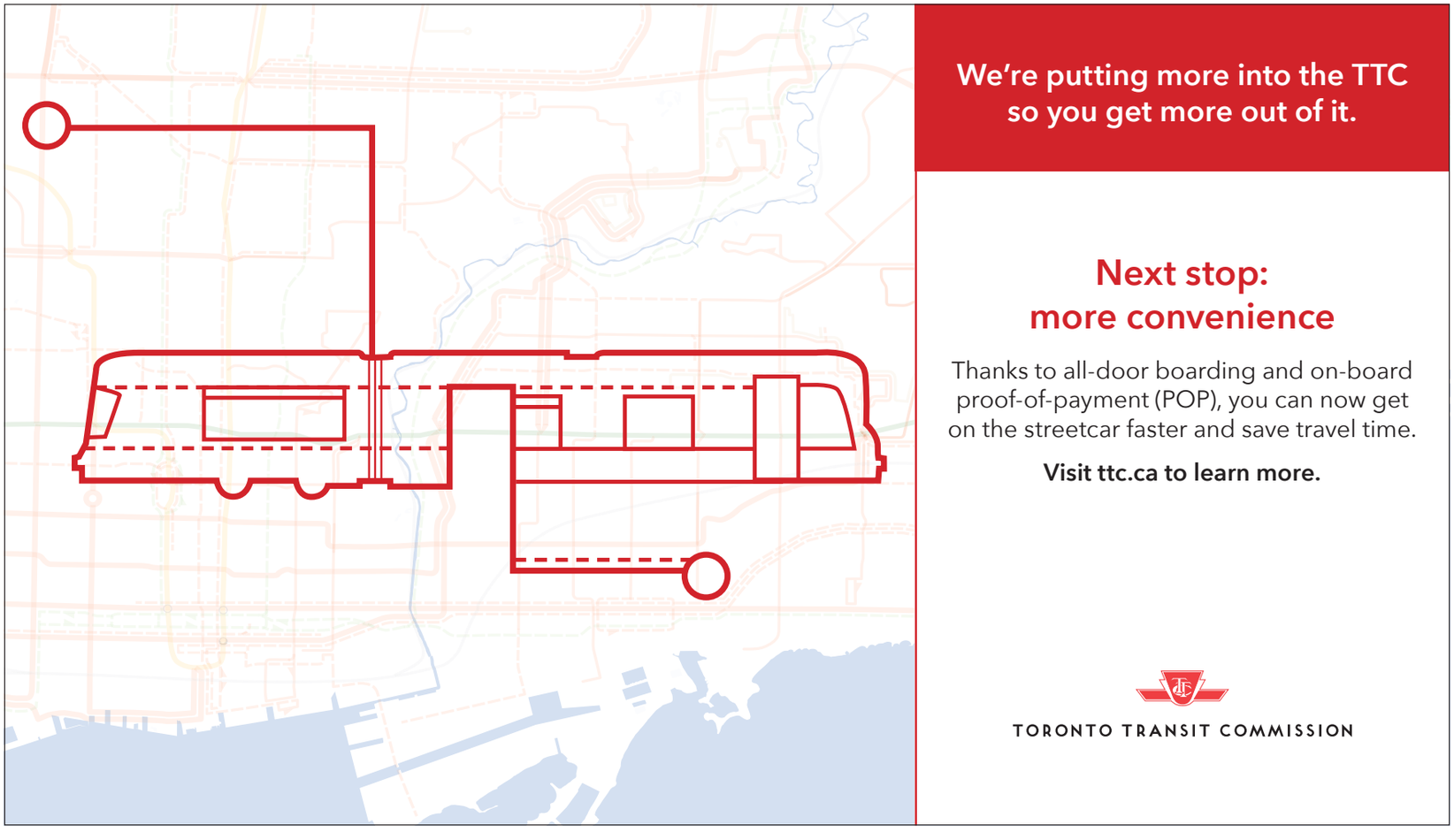
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REVIEW

Acura IXL stays fresh via powertrain, infotainment

Jil McIntosh
For Metro

Acura created the ILX back in 2013 to get young upwardly mobile buyers into the Acura family. The intent was that they would stay with Acura, and buy bigger and more expensive ones as they moved up the food chain.

It hasn't happened as Acura would have liked, especially in the U.S., which has never embraced the concept of an entry-level and Civic-based Acura, as we have in Canada.

That's not to say Acura ILX isn't a decent ride. Sometimes we just have to overlook a vehicle's intended marketing mission and just take a keen look at the vehicle itself. And when you do that here, you find a really sweet, small sports sedan, especially when you consider all the new bits that have been bestowed on the vehicle for 2016, to mark its first major mid-cycle makeover.

The biggest new bits are the 2.4-litre I4 engine and eight-speed "dual clutch" automatic transmission, lifted from its immediate bigger sibling, the TLX. This gives the small Acura 201 horses, over 50 more than last year. The engine likes to rev and the transmission loves to shift, and does so expertly and quickly, so it's a great match. It doesn't have that effortless power feel, however, of torque-rich V6s and turbocharged fours.

But the ILX can go around a corner with panache. It turns easily and flatly, and instils a lot of confidence in the driver. That driver would have more fun if there were a bit more steering feel, but other than that, this is a fun ride.

Back seat room, and interior room generally, are not up to "mid-size" standards. If you need such space, the mid-size mainstream sedans beckon, which can be had for about the same price of this "compact" near-luxury sedan.

This being 2015, a vehicle needs more than just space and pace to succeed — it needs lots of acronyms in the safety department, and lots of connectivity in the dashboard. We don't have the space to go through the entire laundry list, but suffice to say Acura wants ILX to be a segment leader in this regard.

Some highlights, which are either standard or optionally available, include: long-range engine starter, GPS-linked automatic climate control, next-generation AcuraLink (cloud-based connected car system), Siri Eyes Free (standard across the board), rain-sensing wipers, and the AcuraWatch suite of driver assist technologies, which includes adaptive cruise, lane keeping assist, rear camera, and collision mitigation.

THE CHECKLIST | 2016 ACURA ILX

THE BASICS

Type. Four-door, FWD, entry-level luxury compact sedan
Engines (hp/torque). 2.4-litre turbocharged I4 (201)
Transmissions. Eight-speed DSG automatic
Price. Base/as-tested price (incl. destination). $31,619/$36,019

POINTS

- Entry-level Acura nameplate based on the Honda Civic platform.
- Major mid-cycle updates for model year 2016.
- 2.4-litre four and eight-speed automatic from TLX becomes sole powertrain option.

COOL FEATURES

- AcuraWatch suite of safety and driver-assist technologies is standard.
- Standard Bluetooth, text message, and Siri Eyes Free.
- Available iPhone navigation app connectivity, and AuraLink, for more smartphone-based functions.

MARKET POSITION

- Targeted at younger and upwardly mobile buyers.
- For buyers who prioritize premium cache, looks, and technology.
- Aims to please and differentiate with higher levels of safety and connectivity than its peers.

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Virgin heats up e-cars competition

ELECTRIC CARS

Virgin to join e-car market

Demonstrating that the future is not just in the hands of big-name automakers, Richard Branson says his Virgin empire has "teams of people" working on electric cars. Virgin is already a supporter of the Formula E (for electric) racing championship. "So you never know," Branson told Bloomberg News Service, "you may find Virgin competing ... in the car business, as we do in the space business."

SOLAR POWER

Glow-in-dark car rides

Nissan recently drove its first glow-in-the-dark electric Leaf sedan on the world's first luminous "smart" highway near Oss, Netherlands. The luminous Leaf was put on the solar-powered highway to announce Nissan EV sales increased by 313 per cent across the Netherlands last year and to showcase how many of its customers are powering their cars from solar energy.

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EMISSIONS

E-Mercedes B-Class

German automaker Daimler has come up with a life-cycle analysis of its Mercedes-Benz B-Class Electric Drive that shows the vehicle is significantly more environmentally friendly than a gasoline car, including the impact of its manufacturing.

The analysis, conducted by the German regulatory body TUV (Technical Inspection Association in English), shows that the electric B-Class cuts lifetime carbon emissions by 24 per cent over a gasoline-powered B-Class when charged from a mix of power sources.

If it's charged exclusively with hydroelectric power, the Mercedes-Benz B-Class Electric Drive's lifetime carbon is 64 per cent lower than that of the four-cylinder gas-powered model.

The analysis assumes the car is driven about 100,000 miles (160,000 kilometres) over its lifetime, and is recycled at the end of its use.

MILEAGE

Leaf drivers cover 1 billion kilometres

Automaker Nissan says that owners of its Leaf plug-in electric mid-size sedan have recorded one billion kilometres driven worldwide, saving more than 180 million kilograms of carbon dioxide emissions in the process. Over that vast distance, the Nissan Leaf has reportedly become the best-selling electric vehicle in history.

NEW GUIDELINES

EPA revisits fuel efficiency testing

Following a number of misstated window-sticker ratings, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is re-evaluating how automakers test for fuel efficiency.

In part, the new guidelines state how vehicles should be prepared for testing, including the acceptable amount of tire wear they can have and how they should be broken in.

The Detroit News reports that the guidelines will also address "coast down" tests, used to measure aerodynamic drag and tire rolling resistance.

The agency said it would issue its non-binding guidelines in lieu of legal rules, strictly as a time-saving measure.

Typically, it takes two to three years for the EPA to draft a legally binding rule; it urges automakers to adopt the new guidelines quickly.

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Chevrolet Cruz boasts space

USED VEHICLE

Odours, leaks, may plague 2011 to 2014 models

Replacing the Cobalt and competing with the Honda Civic, Hyundai Elantra, Ford Focus and Toyota Corolla, the Chevrolet Cruze hit the Canadian market for model year 2011, riding a new European-based platform and hoping to attract customers with top-notch efficiency, leading warranty coverage and overall value. With plenty of selection, the big-for-its-class Cruze should make an ideal used sedan for a shopper after plenty of space and a pleasant all-around driving experience.

On board, smell for any unpleasant odours, such as a burnt sugar smell, which could indicate a coolant leak under the hood, or in the vehicle's heater core, as well as earthy or 'dirty-sock' odours — resulting from moisture buildup in the HVAC system causing mildew. Blocked moisture drain tubes may be to blame for the latter issue, and your Chevrolet dealer may offer a mould/mildew cleaning kit to remedy the problem. If you detect any unpleasant smells, have a mechanic check the cooling system and HVAC system for leaks.

Check the Cruze's cooling system pressure cap for signs of coolant leakage, which will require a new, revised cap to remedy.

Visit the highway and get the Cruze up to speed, turning the steering wheel slightly to "weave" where appropriate. A "notchy" or "sticky" feel to the steering system could indicate a problem that requires further investigation. Most owners reporting this issue find it occurs at low mileage and have it fixed under warranty.

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Features

Look for OnStar, heated seats, a sunroof, automatic lights, and above-average at-hand storage facilities for keeping organized on the move. A full suite of advanced safety systems is on board, too. Look for an LT or LTZ trim grade if you're after the top-line experience.

Engines

Most copies of the Cruze in the used market will pack a 1.4-litre turbocharged four-cylinder engine, or a 1.8-litre four-cylinder engine. Six-speed transmissions in either automatic or manual were available.

What owners like

Common owner praise points include a comfortable and pleasant ride, higher-than-expected onboard space, good throttle response and mileage from the small turbo engine, and a quiet and refined drive.

What owners dislike

Typical gripes centre around some of the materials used to trim the Cruze's cabin, lazy programming logic of the automatic transmission, and potentially uncomfortable seats.

The verdict

Cruze isn't the obvious choice as the most reliable used compact sedan, though owners did love it for space, comfort and refinement. Opt for as new a model as you can afford, seeking to maximize protection from the Cruze's warranty, where possible. A prepurchase inspection at a Chevrolet dealer should be considered mandatory.

SHOPPING

Prices can drop when new cars revealed

When auto companies roll out exciting new models like they did at the recent New York auto show, the unveilings can sometimes push down the price of cars already on sale.

Usually the immediate impact is small, according to industry analysts, but the deals can get a whole lot better once the new models hit the showrooms and the automakers try to clear the old models from dealer lots. And the extent of the impact depends on whether the latest models are significantly more appealing than the old ones because of new features or styling changes.

Last week in New York, Honda unveiled a new Civic compact that looks like a European sports car, and Chevrolet showed off a new Malibu midsize car that looks like a coupe, with more legroom better gas mileage and other features that one-up the current model. Analysts say it's too early to tell if prices will drop on the current Civics and Malibus.

Car buyers recognize the value when there's a major redesign if it's feature-rich, said Alec Gutierrez, senior analyst with Kelley Blue Book.

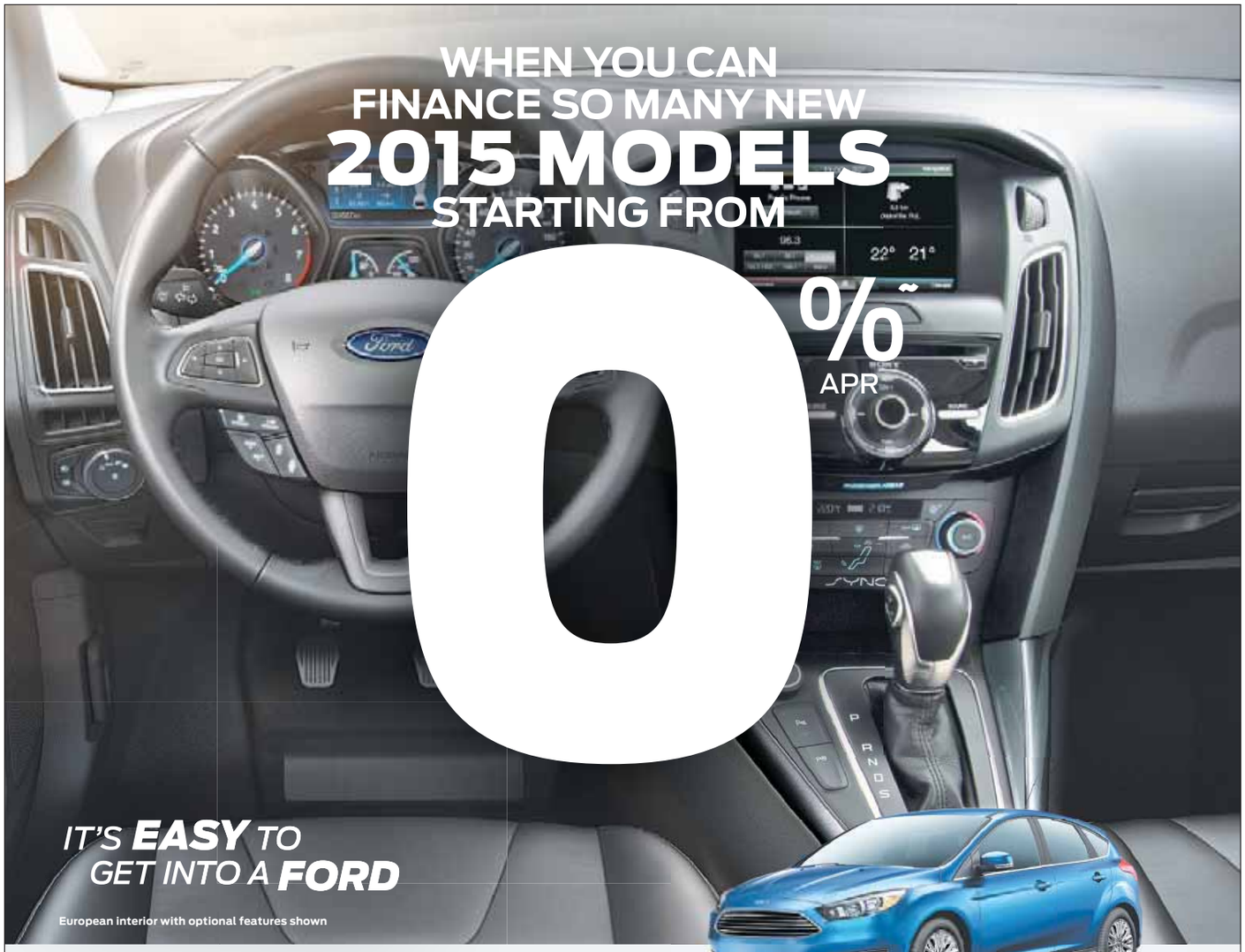
Whether or not prices immediately fall on existing models varies by whether media coverage of the new model is unexpectedly positive or negative, and by how well automakers manage their inventories during the year, said David Wagner, senior manager for analytics with the NADA Used Car Guide.

If publicity is good and customers are excited, then values on outgoing models can fall. But the decline usually is small, around two or three per cent in the first several weeks of media coverage.

Wagner saw prices fall a small amount after recent redesigns of the Honda Accord, Ford Mustang and Ford F-150 pickup truck, all of which made great improvements or added features to the vehicles.

In late summer and early fall, all automakers discount outgoing models to clear room on dealer lots for new models. Typically, those discounts run two to four per cent off the sticker price. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Lower prices can entice consumers to buy an outgoing model even if the new one is much better. ISTOCK



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Proper washer fluid does a better job of cleaning a windshield than plain water.
JIL MCINTOSH /FOR METRO

A clean windshield fuels safety

MAINTENANCE

Wiper blades should be replaced about every 6 months

Jil McIntosh
For Metro

Keeping your windshield clean isn't just about the vehicle looking good. Visibility is essential to safety, which means wiper blades need to be in top condition and a driver's windshield washer fluid bottle should be full.

"If people replace their wiper blades every six to nine months, they will enjoy better visibility," says Ron Fausnight, group technical manager of chemicals and appearance products for ITW Global Brands, which markets Rain-X. "Wiper blades will deteriorate from use, especially if there's a lot of gritty material on the glass."

Guck can form on the windshield even on dry, sunny days. Insects and bird droppings are the most noticeable culprits, but it can also include sticky substances kicked up off the asphalt by other vehicles: dust and grime, oil, and even the thin film of rubber that builds up on the road from the thousands of tires driving over it.

If the windshield is dry, it should always be moistened with the washers before the wipers are turned on. Not only is that grime hard on the rubber, but it can potentially scratch the glass.

When you wash your car, it's common for minerals in the water to dry on the windshield, causing spots. It can be difficult to remove these dried-on deposits and a glass cleaner may need to be used to remove them.

Spray-on or wipe-on water repellents leave a thin film of silicon on the glass that causes the water to bead up and flow away, instead of drying up and leaving the minerals behind.

Windshield wipers are actually squeegees, and while they look like thin blades, a peek under magnification reveals their edges are square. One corner of this square edge drags across the glass when the wipers move in one direction, and then the blade is flipped and the other corner does the job when the wiper goes the other way. This constant push-pull motion does an excellent job of keeping the windshield clear when it's raining, but it's also why the blades eventually wear out.

All types of washer fluid will clean a windshield, but summer-specific ones do a better job of removing bugs and grime, while winter fluid is less likely to freeze.

Plain water shouldn't be used to clean a windshield, since it doesn't clean as well and can damage the motor if there's any left in the system when cold weather returns.

WHEN TO REPLACE WIPERS

Streaks mean replacement

Wiper blades should be replaced any time they start to leave streaks on the windshield, if the rubber starts to tear, or if they continually "chatter" when wiping on wet glass. Because the rear window on an SUV or hatchback gets so grimy, this wiper can wear fairly quickly. Replace it promptly to avoid scratching the glass. Many vehicles have two different sized front blades, depending on the windshield size and shape, to do the best job of cleaning. JIL MCINTOSH

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In Qatar, a personalized plate is a status symbol. ISTOCK

Qataris spend millions on personalized plates

Super-rich Qataris have splashed out millions on "fancy" car number plates in an online auction run by the interior ministry of the energy-rich state.

More than 4.2 million Qatari riyals ($1.1 million) had been pledged on just 24 separate and unique car registration numbers.

In Dubai, owning a distinct number plate has become a desirable status symbol for Qataris to publicly show off their wealth. Most in demand are those with fewer numbers — most ordinary Qatari registration plates have six figures — repeated digits, or those in sequence.

A previous auction for "fancy vehicle numbers" at the end of last year saw one driver bid a reported 200 million riyals (almost $55 million) for the number plate 333355. AFP

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Shell team working on concept car

Automotive designer Gordon Murray is famous for creating the McLaren F1. SHELL

DESIGN

Collaboration to produce 'ultra' city car

One of the world's biggest oil and gas companies is collaborating with Gordon Murray — one of the world's most respected automotive designers — on a project exploring the future of personal mobility.

Dubbed Project M, the collaboration aims to design, develop and build an ultra-efficient, ultra-compact city car, albeit one that is powered by a traditional internal combustion engine.

Shell describes the car, which will be unveiled in concept form in November, as a simple global city car that will "work brilliantly whether you are in a city where mass-motoring is a relatively new thing or already a century old."

For Murray, the project is clearly a chance to further his own work into the topic. In 2010, he unveiled something called the T25, an ingenious ultra-compact city car that sat three in a triangular formation and which used a revolutionary manufacturing process that reduced weight and materials without compromising strength or rigidity.

The iStream system, as it was called, also allowed the basic three-seat platform to take on many different forms and shapes based on the motoring need, meaning that the creation of a whole range of different cars would be simple and affordable.

Although this is now officially a Shell project, it appears that it shares many elements with the T25.

Of the project, Murray himself says it's a chance to explore future personal mobility needs.

"I think the Shell car is really important," says Murray.

"We can look to the future and see where we should be going not just with materials but in terms of design philosophy and other technologies and take a holistic look at where the future car is going," he adds.

The project is a long way from Formula One and supercars, the areas of motoring where Murray has legendary status. During his three years working on the McLaren Formula One team, the company won the driver's world championship and the constructor's world championship three times in a row.

Afterwards Murray turned his attention to the road and designed the McLaren F1 – the pioneering 200 miles per hour-plus supercar which stood unchallenged until the creation of the Bugatti Veyron — and followed it up with the McLaren Mercedes SLR.

However, one element of the new project might feel familiar indeed to Murray. Osamu Goto, who designed the Honda Formula One engines that powered those McLaren cars to victory, is also involved in the project as the car's engine designer. AFP

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Patrick Kane to make his return from a broken collarbone Wednesday night

Wednesday, April 15, 2015

Celtics secure first-round matchup against Cavs

NBA

Raptors lose on Crowder's last-second jump shot

TUESDAY In Boston

95	93
CELTICS	RAPTORS

Jae Crowder hit an off-balance fall-away from deep on the right wing with .8 seconds left, lifting Boston to a 95-93 win over the Toronto Raptors on Tuesday that secured the seventh seed in the Eastern Conference for the Celtics.

Evan Turner and Avery Bradley each scored 14 points for Boston, which will face No. 2 seed Cleveland in the playoffs. Brandon Bass added 13 points and nine rebounds.

It was the fifth straight win for the Celtics, who clinched a playoff spot on Monday when Brooklyn lost.

Kyle Lowry had 16 points for the Raptors, who are locked into the fourth seed and will face Washington. Toronto beat the Wizards in all three meetings this season.

Lou Williams also had 16 points for Toronto, Terrence Ross scored 12 and Jonas Valanciunas 11.

After Turner's shot was blocked out of bounds with 2.5 seconds left, Crowder caught the ensuing inbounds pass and nailed the winner.

Lowry's shot at the buzzer was blocked by Turner.

The Raptors led by seven after one, pushed it to 15 late into the second quarter and held a 53-46 advantage at intermission.

Trailing by eight early in the second half, the Celtics used a 14-5 run to take a 64-63 lead, their first since the opening quarter. Boston led 73-70 entering the final period.

The Raptors had opened an 87-82 lead with 4 1/2 minutes left, but Boston tied it on Marcus Smart's three-pointer from the right wing.

The teams were tied six times in the final quarter before Turner hustled after his own miss and found Tyler Zeller for a one-hander in the lane with 14 seconds left.

Just like a few seconds earlier, Lowry then drove the lane, tying it at 93 with 10.2 seconds to go.

Turner hit a jumper from the right baseline off an inbounds play with 35.2 seconds left to push Boston ahead 91-89, but Lowry scored on a drive down the lane, tying it.

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The Raptors' Terrence Ross shoots against the Celtics' Evan Turner in Boston on Tuesday.

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Blue Jays second baseman Devon Travis, left, forces out the Rays; Evan Longoria at Rogers Centre on Tuesday night.

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MLB

Rays' Souza denies Blue Jays their first home win of the year

TUESDAY In Toronto

3	2
RAYS	BLUE JAYS

Steven Souza Jr. homered and later scored the winning run on a sacrifice fly to give the Tampa Bay Rays a 3-2 victory over the Toronto Blue Jays on Tuesday night at Rogers Centre.

In the eighth inning, Souza Jr. reached on a bunt single, stole second base and took third when Toronto catcher Russell Martin's throw was low for an error. Desmond Jennings lifted a fly ball into centre field off reliever Miguel Castro (0-1) to bring Souza Jr. home and help the Rays earn their second straight win over Toronto (4-4).

Kevin Jepsen worked the ninth inning for his first save. Tampa Bay (5-3) has won four games in a row.

Souza Jr. opened the scoring by launching a solo shot that reached the third level above the centre-field wall and nearly hit the stadium's large video scoreboard. It was his first homer of the season.

Tampa Bay centre-fielder Kevin Kiermaier provided a highlight-reel moment with one out in the ninth as he jumped against the wall in right-centre field to take away an extra-base hit from Travis.

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IN BRIEF

Penalty gives Juventus edge over Monaco

A controversial penalty handed Juventus a narrow 1-0 win over Monaco in the first leg of their Champions League quarter-final on Tuesday, leaving everything to play for in next week's return match in the principality.

Arturo Vidal scored his first goal of this season's competition in the 57th minute of an entertaining match after Ricardo Carvalho was judged to have fouled Alvaro Morata in the box.

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Atletico, Real Madrid tie

Goalkeeper Jan Oblak made a series of outstanding saves to help Atletico Madrid hold an attacking Real Madrid to a 0-0 draw in the first leg of their Champions League quarterfinal on Tuesday.

Real Madrid will host the second leg of the total-goals series on April 22. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Steelers' Taylor retires

Pittsburgh Steelers cornerback Ike Taylor is retiring, ending a 12-year career in which he helped lead the team to two Super Bowl victories.

The 34-year-old player announced the decision Tuesday.

Taylor became a free agent last month and says he couldn't envision playing for another team. He finishes his career with 17 interceptions, including three in the playoffs.

Safety Troy Polamalu also retired last week.

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Jurors fail to reach verdict again in Hernandez trial

After six days of deliberating, jurors went home Tuesday without reaching a verdict in the murder trial of former New England Patriots player Aaron Hernandez, who is accused of killing the man dating his fiancée's sister.

Hernandez has pleaded not guilty in the killing of Odin Lloyd in June 2013. Testimony in the case lasted nine weeks, and deliberations have stretched on for 34 hours.

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5 THINGS YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THE NHL PLAYOFFS

The NHL's post-season dominoes tumbled throughout the regular season's wild final week. When the last ones fell Saturday night, they revealed that the league is set up for an extremely interesting spring. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS PHOTOS BY GETTY IMAGES

1 Home cooking

Sure, Canadians are prominent on every NHL team. But when in the Great White North make the playoffs, there's an extra excitement — and this post-season will have plenty after a mad rush for position left five Canadian teams in the field. The Canadiens take on the Senators, the Flames take on the Canucks in two all-Canadian matchups in Round 1 while the Jets face a tough matchup with the West-best Ducks.

No shelter 2

The top seeds drew tough matchups.
The Rangers claimed the Presidents' Trophy, but their reward is a perilous clash with superstars Sidney Crosby, Evgeni Malkin and the Penguins.
Anaheim took top spot in the West but get the red-hot Winnipeg Jets as their reward.

DARRYL SNUB
Things got so ugly in L.A. this season that Kings players locked coach Darryl Sutter out the locker-room at one point.

3 We aren't the champions

The playoffs will go on without the teams that won three of the past four Stanley Cup titles — and for the first time in NHL history, the teams that won the previous season's championship and the team with the last Presidents' Trophy both missed the post-season.
The Los Angeles Kings struggled at mid-season and flopped in the final week, finishing ninth in the West and ending their spectacular run of two championships, 10 playoff series wins and a record 64 post-season games over the past three years. For the first time since 2007, the playoffs won't feature the defending champion.
The Boston Bruins, who won the 2011 title and had the NHL's best regular-season record last year, join the Kings on the golf course.

Division bell 4

The NHL realigned its post-season last year to create more matchups between rivals, and the effect will be felt particularly by the Central Division.
Division champ St. Louis drew a meeting with Minnesota, which finished with the West's sixth-best record. The other Central matchup is a brawl between Chicago and surprising Nashville, which held off the Blackhawks down the stretch for home-ice advantage.

5 Holding steady

The Detroit Red Wings are in the playoffs for the 24th straight season, and they've never had a series against the Tampa Bay Lightning and GM Steve Yzerman, who is a bit of a celebrity in Michigan. The Wings' playoff exploits could play a role in the future of coach Mike Babcock, who could be available to the highest bidder this summer.

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NHL

New blood aplenty among post-season contenders

In the final weeks of the regular season, New York Rangers coach Alain Vigneault talked to plenty of colleagues around the NHL and came away with a consensus about these Stanley Cup playoffs.

"Everybody's sort of got the same theme: Pick your poison," Vigneault said recently at Madison Square Garden. "Any one of the 16 teams that gets in has really a legitimate chance of winning the Cup, they do. There's so little separating teams."

The defending-champion Los Angeles Kings and defending Presidents' Trophy-winning Boston Bruins didn't make it. There are seven new teams going for the Cup in 2015 that didn't qualify a year ago.

Put it all together and this is the most wide-open, unpredictable NHL post-season in recent history.

"Can you sit here and honestly pick the four teams that are going to play in the conference finals? I can't," St. Louis Blues coach Ken Hitchcock said last month in Toronto. "This is the first time in my life I can't honestly pick anybody that you'd say, 'Man this team is for sure a lock,' because it's just so close."

> **The first round is probably going to feel like a conference final, every single matchup.**
>
> Chicago Blackhawks defenceman Niklas Hjalmarsson

Montreal Canadiens forward Brendan Gallagher called it "nuts."

"It's pretty hard to believe, actually," he said. "It's great for the league, it's great for the game."

The name of the game is parity, something commissioner Gary Bettman touts as one of the strengths of the league in the salary-cap era. Seven different teams have won in the nine seasons since the cap was instituted, with the Kings and Chicago Blackhawks the only ones to do it twice.

"You look at the route to the Stanley Cup and the teams, it seems like the league's more balanced than it's been in a long, long time," Canadiens defenceman P.K. Subban said. "Everybody's got a chance."

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Justin Williams of the Los Angeles Kings celebrates with the Stanley Cup after the Kings 3-2 double overtime victory against the New York Rangers in 2014. GETTY IMAGES FILE

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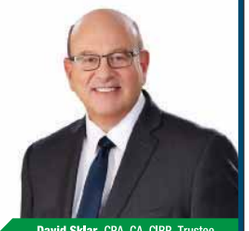

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Directions

1. In a bowl, combine the chicken, onion, ketchup, bread crumbs, egg, salt and pepper and mix well. With wet hands, form the meatballs, using about 1 Tbsp of the mixture for each. Place on a plate and set aside.

2. In large saucepan, heat the vegetable oil over medium heat. Add the garlic and onion and cook just until softened, about 3 minutes. Add the bell peppers and cook for another 4 minutes. Add the tomato and pineapple juices, chili sauce, brown sugar, cornstarch and meatballs. Cover, reduce the heat and simmer for 25 minutes, or until the meatballs are cooked through.

3. Meanwhile, bring the rice and water to a boil, then cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Remove from the heat and let stand for 10 minutes, covered.

4. Serve the meatballs and sauce over the rice. Garnish with pineapple and parsley.

Ingredients

- 12 oz ground chicken
- 1/4 cup finely chopped onion
- 2 Tbsp ketchup
- 5 Tbsp seasoned dry bread crumbs
- 1 egg
- Pinch of salt and pepper
- 2 tsp vegetable oil
- 2 tsp finely chopped garlic
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper
- 1/2 cup diced green bell pepper
- 1 1/2 cups tomato juice
- 2 cups pineapple juice
- 1/2 cup sweet chili sauce (Heinz)
- 2 Tbsp brown sugar
- 1 Tbsp cornstarch
- 1 cup white rice
- 1 cup water
- 1/2 cup diced pineapple (fresh or canned)
- 3 Tbsp chopped parsley

Nutrition per serving

- Calories 377 • Protein 15 grams
- Carbohydrates 61 g • Fibre 3 g
- Total fat 7.7 g • Saturated fat 1.9 g
- Cholesterol 73 mg • Sodium 429 mg

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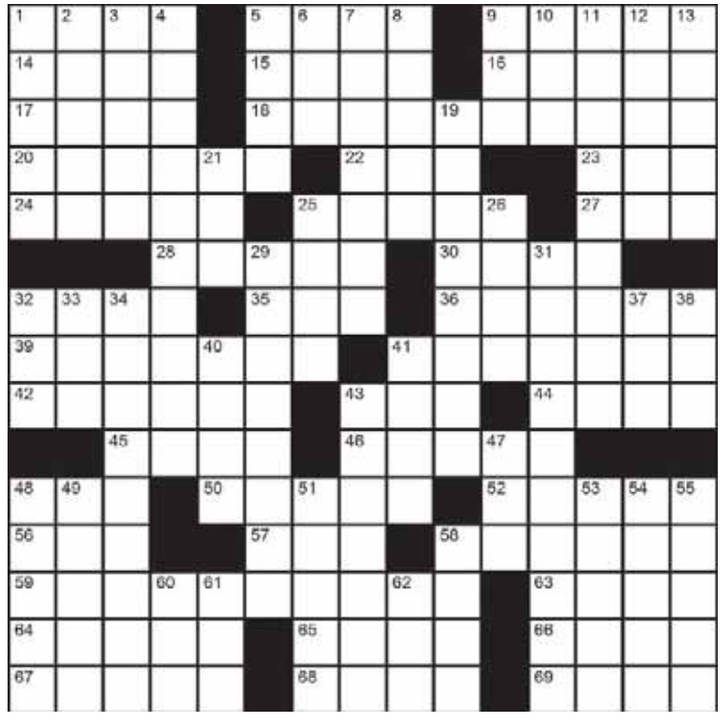

ACROSS

1. Deodorant's pal
5. Compass/ruler set, briefly
9. Oversight
14. Currency in Oman
15. 161 in ancient Rome
16. Acrylic material
17. Bear constellation
18. Position for recently retired Canadian basketball star Steve Nash: 2 wds.
20. Bungled, with Up
22. Homer Simpson's sound!
23. Corp. leader
24. Literary genre
25. City of Switzerland
27. Be off
28. Jittery, __ __ ease
30. Cut, as wood
32. Jeanne _'__
35. Shana __, The Sweetest Dark author
36. Menswear accessory, variantly: 2 wds.
39. Get to the point
41. "Toy Soldiers" singer who also has a self-titled 'Kitchen' tune
42. Hedy of Hollywood
43. Daze
44. Door fastener
45. Acreage
46. Quaintly bless with oil
48. Greek alphabet's 21st letter
50. Quick bite
52. Map detail
56. Literary contraction
57. Chop from the team
58. Marilyn Monroe's hair hue
59. Scotiabank __ (Calgary entertainment/sports venue)
63. T. __ Price (Investment firm)
64. Mr. Reznor of rock
65. Press
66. Pare
67. Famous violin, commonly
68. Courtroom cry!
69. She-chickens

DOWN

1. Donald of "The Celebrity Apprentice"
2. Broadcaster
3. Cowboy's rope
4. Ontario: Chatham-Kent, the '__ __ Capital of Canada'
5. Crime-fighting force in Batman's domain [acronym]
6. "Turn to Stone" gr.
7. Get rusty
8. Ancient king of Crete
9. Account
10. Indonesia's __ Islands
11. Newfoundland town on the Avalon Peninsula
12. More painful
13. Ewoks' forest moon home
19. Some performers feel most at home on it: 2 wds.
21. Conger or Moray
25. Jennifer's "Dirty Dancing" (1987) role
26. Animal den
29. Paul __, Canadian host of HGTV's "Disaster Decks"
31. Toronto Raptors slogan: 3 wds.
32. Computer connection, e.g.
33. Paraguay/Brazil border river
34. It's what's left
37. "That '70s Show" star ...his initials-sharers
38. Pen's cover
40. Cholers
41. Monastery man
43. Industrious building
47. Rapper, __ Wayne
48. Nuisances
49. Life pumper
51. TV feed's sound
53. Nap noisily
54. __ Hawkins Singers hit: "Oh Happy Day"
55. Abounds
58. Mercedes-__
60. Crime lab stuff
61. Company name abbr.
62. Curly's pal

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
It seems you can't put a foot wrong at the moment but you know from long experience not to take things like that for granted. Enjoy life but watch where you tread.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
You have been worrying too much about money lately but as of today your fears should subside a little. The moment you stop worrying about your cash flow is the moment it will start getting better.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
Venus in your sign makes this a good time for affairs of the heart and anything of an artistic or creative nature, but Saturn is also strong at the moment, which means you must not lose your grip on reality.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This could be a special time for you. Like all Cancerians you want to do things for other people, to make the world a better place, and your chance to do so will arrive very soon.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Listen carefully to what friends and colleagues tell you today — and, if what they tell you makes sense, act on it immediately. And don't be so suspicious.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Career matters are under favourable stars at the moment, so be positive. Attitude is everything: if colleagues and employers sense that you are serious about your aims then they will be serious about them as well.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
A task you were not looking forward to won't be as bad as you thought it would be – in fact, once you get going it may be enjoyable. That's good, because the more you smile the happier those around you will be as well.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Money isn't everything but it's still important and what happens today will remind you that you cannot afford to be too relaxed about what you own and earn. You have mouths to feed and bills to pay.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Stop worrying about whether or not you are doing the right thing and live the way you feel is right.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Don't push yourself too hard or take on any new responsibilities over the next 24 hours — and don't let other people talk you into doing things.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Venus in your fellow Air sign of Gemini will do wonders for your confidence over the next few days but with Saturn strong at the moment as well you there will still be challenges.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
If you need to say sorry for something you did earlier in the month then say it now. Venus in the domestic area of your chart means others will happily forgive and forget.

CONCEPTIS SUDOKU by Dave Green

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